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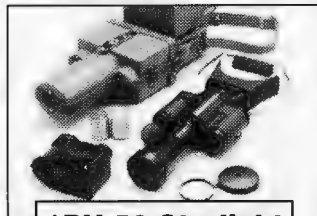
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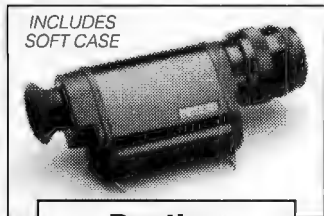
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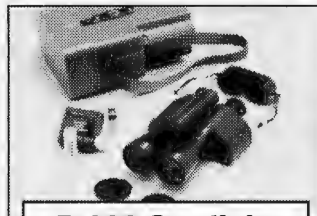
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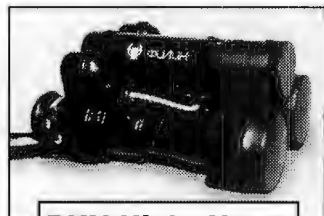
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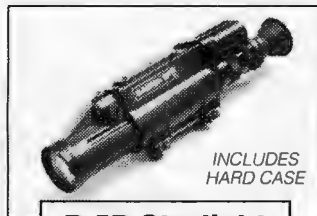
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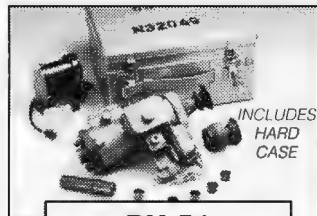
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## Gun Grabbers' Hit List

by Robert K. Brown  
& Peter G. Kokalis

Following their usual anti-gun agenda, the mainstream media has stated that the Feinstein Amendment to S.1607 — which passed in the Senate and now moves to a joint House/Senate subcommittee for reconciliation with the crime package passed by the House of Representatives and which contains no firearm legislation — is no more than a "modest" proposal that would affect only 19 firearms.

This is, of course, a deception as this legislation would, in fact, ban at least 185 firearms by virtue of its ban on all replicas or duplicates of the listed firearms and the catch-all caveat banning any "semi-automatic rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least two of" a folding stock, a pistol grip, a bayonet stud, a flash hider or a barrel having a threaded muzzle.

Also included are semiautomatic pistols with at least two of the following features: a magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip, a threaded muzzle, a barrel jacket, a weight of more than 50 ounces when unloaded or a semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm.

Banned shotguns would include all those which possess at least two of the following: a folding stock, pistol grip, fixed magazine capacity in excess of five rounds or an ability to accept detachable magazines.

What follows is an alphabetical list of the 185 firearms that would be banned as a consequence of the Feinstein Amendment:

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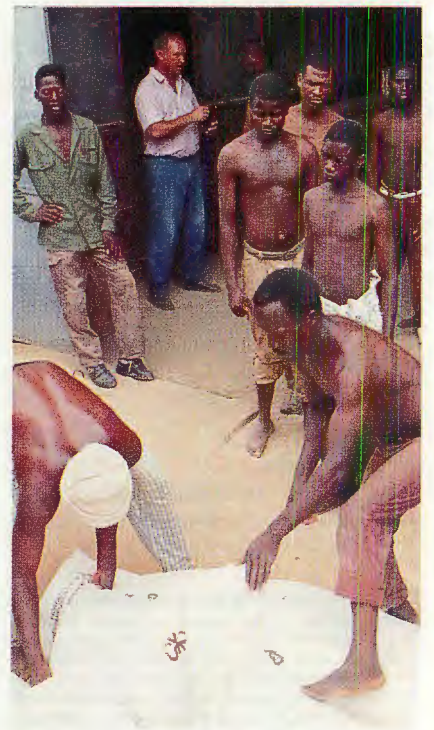
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## INVISIBLE COMMANDOS

Senior military officials in Sarajevo have confirmed *SOF's* suspicions regarding "Operation



Save Sarajevo" (OSS).

The basic pitch was that OSS, operating under the auspices of "Freedom Fighters" from a post office box in Capitol Heights, Maryland, was recruiting veterans to conduct military ops in Serbian-controlled territory around Sarajevo. The group's two spokesmen claimed OSS was privately funded, backed by wealthy individuals from Texas and Fortune-500 companies.

One spokesman, Ron Pettiford, told *SOF* that the group has worked "with local partisans ... They've not only disabled artillery, but also have taken out a few tanks." He asserted that "the Serbs are baffled because the Freedom Fighters are guys and gals from the U.S., Britain, France and Germany." *Yeah, right.*

According to Marine Lt. Col. Mitchel Triplett, senior U.S. military liaison to UNPROFOR, "I have never heard of any such operations in Serb-controlled areas surrounding Sarajevo or, for that matter, anywhere in Bosnia."

Another on-scene observer, 17-year Marine Corps vet John Jor-

dan (see photo) commented he didn't believe such a group could plan and execute operations anywhere in Bosnia. "This isn't a joke here,"

U.S. volunteer firefighters in Sarajevo aid rescue of 10-year-old girl trapped for three hours in rubble of Serb-shelled house. Robert Triozzi at rear; New York paramedic Jim Schrang kneels in foreground. *If you are an experienced firefighter or paramedic (and don't mind a little incoming while you work), John Jordan and Fire Rescue Services need you; phone: 202-289-1010. They also need fire gear (turn-outs, ballistic vests, helmets, tools, supplies, medical gear). Call Col. Alex McColl at Refugee Relief International (303-449-3750) and let him know what you have. Cash donations can also be received by RRI on Fire Rescue's behalf, and every penny will go to them. There are plenty of gunslingers, plenty of weapons, and plenty of pain in the Balkans: By volunteering for a tour with FRS you can do something about the pain.*

Jordan said. "Just getting into Sarajevo requires a monumental effort and these guys are talking about taking out tanks and artillery? Give me a break."

Bosnian Army 1st Corps press spokesman Nedim Tukic said, "We would know about this. Serb tanks disappearing from the mountains overlooking Sarajevo doesn't happen without us having a part in it. Do these guys speak the language? How do they travel in Serb-controlled areas? How do they get in and out?"

A recurring yuk at *SOF* is the call from some dude — usually in his cups — who wants to "join soldiers of fortune..." He gets a polite form letter explaining we're a magazine; a publication, not a platoon; that we're only part of the *press corps*.

Well, for those who just gotta join *something*, have we got a surplus deal: For last month's cover photo, to illustrate a hypothetical American "Foreign Legion," we had to have a patch made. To get the one to photograph, we had to buy 100 ... leaving 99 declared surplus: the perfect souvenir, or stage prop for those who like to hang around watering holes and tell lies. They cost \$9.95 postpaid from *SOF-Patch*, Box 693, Boulder, CO 80306. Don't miss out — staffers have already swiped half a dozen.

It's just too difficult."

An OSS press release told of how they liaised with French Foreign Legion troops in Sarajevo after "a month of intensive combat training in Virginia and Vermont" — but Col. Emmanuel de Richoufftz de Manin, commander of the 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment based in Sarajevo, said, "Who? The legion does not 'liaison' with independent military groups. [We] are deployed in Bosnia under the terms of a United Nations Security Council resolution."

OSS spokesman George Barnes claimed that by midsummer "four different sets of teams" had been "operationally deployed in the areas surrounding Sarajevo." When questioned, U.N. military observers in Sarajevo knew of no attacks against Serb positions overlooking the city that could have been linked to OSS. Said one Danish captain attached to the UNMO command in Sarajevo, "Our job is to monitor all military activity in Bosnia, and we have personnel stationed near all Serb artillery batteries. One of us would have been aware of such activity if it occurred. I don't recall any such incident." — *Mark H. Milstein*

## WELCOME HOME DON FEENEY

*Good news:* Word just in that Don Feeney of CTU, held in an Icelandic jail for his role in the attempted rescue of two children kidnapped



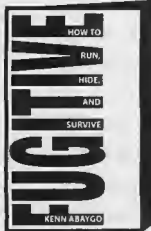


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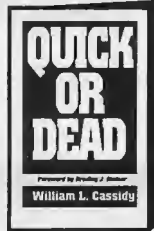
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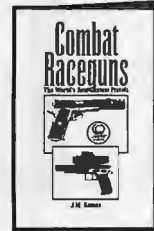
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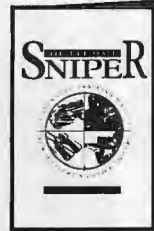
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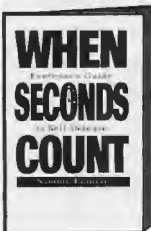
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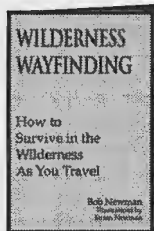
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to Iceland (and his subsequent escape), will be home by the time you read this.

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## **GENERAL SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON**

Britain's oldest general, veteran of two world wars, has died in Melrose, Scotland at the age of 100. Christison was commander-in-chief of Allied land forces in southeast Asia, accepting surrender of the Japanese Seventh Area Army and South Seas Fleet at Singapore in 1945. He won the Military Cross and a Distinguished Service Order, and since his retirement in 1947 became known as a distinguished military historian who served also as governor of Edinburgh Castle.

## **RATS R US**

Clearing a firebreak around your home when you live in brush country doesn't seem like too antisocial an undertaking to us, but residents in the area of last fall's catastrophic Winchester fire in Riverside County, California, were told by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that their



Mario Calero, former chief of logistics — and a lot of other things — for the anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan freedom fighters, died 29 December 1993 after a two-year battle with cancer. Born in Managua 19 January 1935, Calero graduated from Holy Cross High School in New Orleans and Notre Dame University. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Returning to Nicaragua, he was exiled to Peru by Luis Somoza, and returned after Somozas' term as president. Mario had a rice farm in Nicaragua, and was Enrique Lacayo-Farfan's right-hand man in the non-communist opposition to the Somoza dictatorship. He married the former Noemy Monterrey; they had three sons and a daughter. After the Sandinistas seized power, he sent his family to the States. Mario stayed behind: the family house, under guise of being the Colombian consulate, was used to harbor "enemies of the revolution."

He left Nicaragua in 1982, and in 1985 when his brother Adolfo became head of the Fuerza Democrática Nicaraguense (Nicaraguan Democratic Force — FDN), Mario devoted his efforts full-time to collecting and forwarding supplies for the contras. *SOF* and our El Salvador/Nicaraguan Defense Fund (ES/NDF) became very much involved with Mario: He was keynote speaker at several *SOF* Conventions.

"Amateurs study strategy; professionals study logistics" and without supplies and equipment Mario obtained, Enrique Bermudez's campesino guerrilla army could have accomplished little. After the 1990 Nicaraguan elections and cease-fire, Mario went to work as the Dominican Republic marketing rep for Conner Air Freight — who had also moved a lot of FDN supplies. In December 1991 he began his long battle with cancer that ended on 29 December 1993. Most of his life was devoted, one way or another, to the battle against tyranny and oppression. He was a good friend, a valued comrade in arms, and a brilliant speaker in English and Spanish. Adios, Don Mario, we shall met again in a better place. — *Col. Alex McColl* Photo: courtesy Martin G. Calero

land had been designated as habitat for the Steven's kangaroo rat. They were threatened with a \$100,000 fine and a year in the slam if they cleared brush or created firebreaks on their land. Those few who saved their homes had to break the law to do it. While the fire roared, Mike Rowe jumped on his tractor and cleared a hasty firebreak — but some 29 others lost their homes

Jim King, Esq., Regional Coordinator, Rt. 3, Box 639, Brighton, TN 38019; phone: 901-837-1915; fax: 901-368-0070. Those residing in the Americas, of course, are also free to participate in IBA courses in Europe, Asia and Australasia. For information on international courses, contact Training Directorate-IBA, Box 50, South Croydon, Surrey, CR26ZD, UK; fax: 011-44-81-668-8745. ✕

and ranches. Rowe has not yet been charged with his crime.

The rats? Oh, they were all killed in the fire, of course.

Noted one resident, "We've got a fly that was listed here a month ago. Three hundred acres for this fly and 250,000 acres for a bird and 88,000 acres for a rat ... Where does it stop?" Here's where it can stop: The "Endangered Species Act" is up for congressional reauthorization this year. If you think people should take priority over birds, bugs and rats you'd better let your elected representatives know.

## **OUR A.I.M. WAS OFF**

At the conclusion of our February '93 article "Hell's High Priest," we inadvertently published the phone number of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee as being that for Accuracy In Media Inc. The correct AIM phone is: 800-787-0044. We regret the error.

## **BODYGUARD COURSES SLATED**

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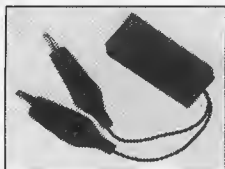
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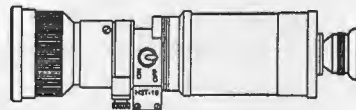


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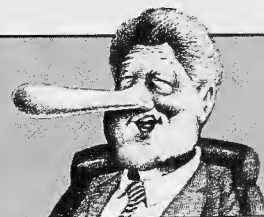
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## Subhumans Of The World, Unite

Slick Willie's farthest-out-of-the-closet homosexual appointee, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Roberta "Act Up" Achtenberg, was named 1993 "Woman of the Year" by the *Advocate* magazine. In the *Advocate* profile, Achtenberg was quoted as expressing this thought regarding critics of the homosexual movement: "There are obviously some people who demonstrate again and again that they are less than human, but I don't think about them too much." Lest the reader be confused, we should reiterate that she's *not* referring to the gay movement here, rather its detractors.

Before being selected by Slick Willie (et al.) for her present Clinton administration post, Achtenberg was on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, where she was instrumental in coercing the local United Way to withdraw support of the Boy Scouts. (Fascist scum that they are, they won't let queers be Boy Scout leaders, you see.) She even introduced a resolution before the board calling on the city to withdraw its \$6 million in funds from the Bank of America, because *they* contributed to the Boy Scouts.

## My Enemy's Friend?

*Marine Corps Gazette* published a letter from retired Maj. Michael Shaw regarding a recent business trip to Saigon: "I went to the Revo-

lutionary Museum near the cathedral ... A nice tour of communism's benefits and talk on all the support the North Vietnamese received during the war including 'Your President, Mr. Clinton, who supported our struggle.' This last part, I'm sure, will be cut out as part of the conditions for lifting the embargo ..."

## My Enemy's Friend Part II:

"... he is from the Democrat

ation. Like other Clinton nominees, Inman has come under criticism (but not prosecution) for failing to pay the social security taxes the rest of us have to pay on babysitters/nannies/domestic help.

## P.J. O'Rourke Quote:

"... No, we can't bring ourselves to make fun of the first daughter, especially since some of us have been going through an awkward adolescent stage for nearly four decades. But we can say: 'Damn it, Hillary, quit fussing with your hair and do something about Chelsea's.'" (from *American Spectator*)

## Falling Out?

"But that is the press's fault, too, damn it. I have fought more damn battles here for more things than any president has in 20 years, with the possible exception of Reagan's first

budget, and not gotten one damn bit of credit from the knee-jerk liberal press, and I am sick and tired of it, and you can put that in the damn article." *President Bill Clinton in interview with Rolling Stone magazine*

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camp, which we like ... We consider the victory of the Democrats as a victory of our allies ... We must encourage and help him. He is like a brightening star in the Western Hemisphere which is full of darkness as far as we are concerned ..." (from an interview with Muammar Khadafi, published in September-October 1993 issue of *Middle East Insight* magazine.)

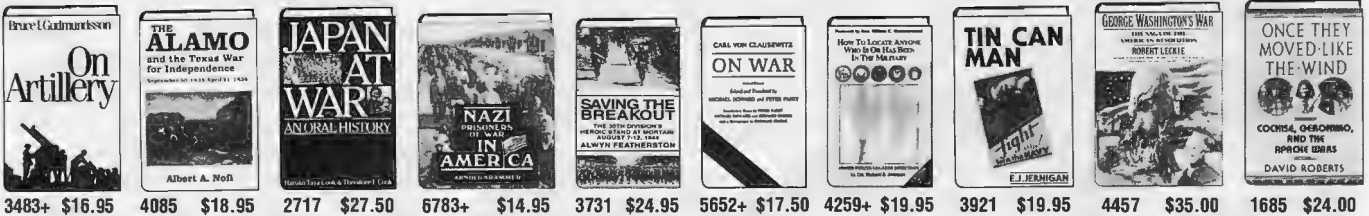
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Our mistakes in Vietnam were neither new nor startling. They were not something we could blame on

guy-vs.-the-bad-guy attitude. But there is no similarity between what John Wayne got away with on the screen and the hot, hard facts of the firefight. A small-unit leader in combat cannot afford to have a film hero's devil-may-care attitude toward training, discipline and ba-

habits — habits so deeply ingrained through correct teaching and intensive practice that even under the pressure of fear and sudden danger each soldier, automatically, will do the right thing.

There is no magic formula or sweatless solution by which one can achieve this goal. Leaders may approach training for combat only with intense dedication, accepting as gospel the timeless truth that better-trained men live longer on the battlefield.

No military unit is ever completely trained. There will always be a weak area that requires additional time and effort. The wise commander uses all available time to train his unit; he never says, "Good enough." In Vietnam he could continue to train constantly — in the assembly area, in the reserve position, and during the execution of the mission. Leaders must accept the old but absolute maxim: "The more sweat on the training field, the less blood on the battlefield."

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The difference between professionalism and mediocrity — often, between surviving the firefight and not — is training and detail. Here two 173rd Airborne Brigade troopers advance on VC position, Vietnam, 1967. Photo: DoD

the mysteries of the warfare. They were the same problems that have been haunting small-unit commanders since before Gideon. The mistakes we are talking about will not likely cause a unit to take a beating — but they will inflict on it needless casualties. In peace or war these errors spell the difference between professionalism and mediocrity.

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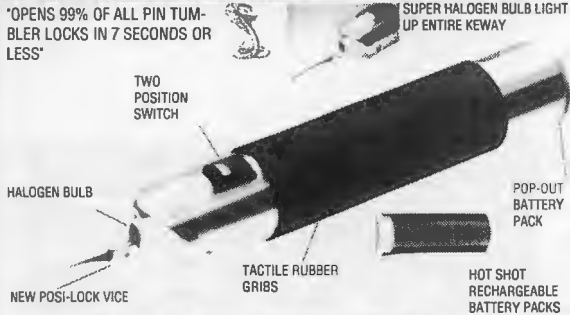
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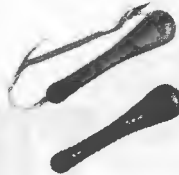
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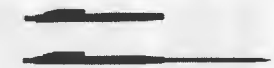
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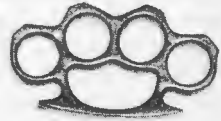
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The good leader forms the checklist habit. Combat is too serious a business to permit the easy excuse of even one mistake. If a unit is going on a patrol, setting up an ambush, establishing a defensive position, or conducting an airmobile assault, he should pull out his checklist and insure that every point is checked off. Many checklists are available throughout the Army, but in the main they are far too complicated and tend to fog up the issue with unnecessary details.

A simple checklist which underscores the salient points of the operation at hand will stimulate recall. Battle experience has conclusively proven that fatigue, fright, and preoccupation with the routine tend to cloud and distort the memory.

The good leader practices giving a five-paragraph operations order. He is never so much of an "old pro" that he can do without the tried and proven form. He makes sure his people use it too, and he listens to subordinates issuing their orders. If he knows his business, he will know whether they are following correct troop-

leading procedures and whether they have heeded their lessons. The object should be to plan his operation and issue his orders in the same detail and with the same precision as if he were taking his first ATT (Army Training Test) and an umpire were breathing down his neck. The voice of experience might well say to him: "Never quit checking. Check everything all the time — weapons for cleanliness, aidmen for supplies, sentries for alertness, and the camp for field sanitation."

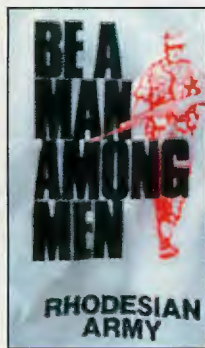
Many young leaders in Vietnam thought that if they willed it, the thing would be done. Seldom did we find one who adequately checked to see if his orders were being carried out. The order-giving process has three main elements: (1) formulation; (2) issuance; and (3) supervision. All are interrelated and act upon one another. The successful leader will look to all three elements and make sure they are in balance before he concludes that his unit has been readied to the best of his ability for the impending action. ✕

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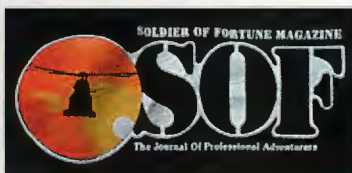


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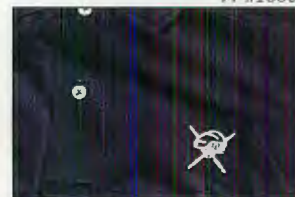
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## UNITED STATES

Navy expects its fleet of 100 nuclear attack submarines to dwindle to "about 50" by 2010 or earlier. Retired *Los Angeles*- and *San Juan*-class subs to be replaced by "New Attack Submarine" (NAS — the current *Centurion*-class incarnation). A 6,900-ton NAS may feature six torpedo tubes, up to 20 vertical cruise-missile tubes, a "stealth"-design sail (allowing sub to operate undetected with decks awash on enemy coasts), remote-control mine-hunting robots and possible "dry-deck shelter" to hold 200 Marines or SEALs-on ops ...

Navy commissions new PC1 *Cyclone*, a 170-foot patrol boat designed for eight-man SEAL team ops. With 2,000-mile cruising range and up to 35 knots' diesel-powered speed, each PC-boat will carry two 40mm cannons, two 25mm chain guns, one pair each of 50-caliber and 7.62mm machine guns, also Stinger missile and chaff launchers. Besides SEALs, each PC will carry crew of four officers, 24 men; 12 more PCs expected by mid-1995 ...

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## EL SALVADOR

Angry mob of 1,000 ex-soldiers surround parliament for 12 hours, forcing government to promise them severance pay ...

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## ESTONIA

The Baltic states (Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia) agree to form military alliance and switch completely to employing Western-made weapons ...

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## RUSSIA

Sukhoi aircraft engineers working on new long-range interceptor (known as Project 701 or MDP) to replace MiG-31. A "business jet" version has range of 7,000km at 2,300km per hour ...

Russia and Kuwait conduct 12 days of joint naval war games ...

Ultranationalist Zhirinovskiy suggests nation can expand by provoking wars between neighbors, then moving in under guise of peacekeeping — he also claims Russia has "elipton" secret weapon, more powerful than nukes and able to destroy the West ...

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## ISRAEL

New Palestinian police forces will include regular patrolmen, an intelligence and undercover unit similar to FBI, a bodyguard service for top leaders, a counterterrorist/hostage-rescue unit and small SWAT teams with armored vehicles ...

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## EGYPT

Muslim fundamentalist uprising continues; 18 policemen killed in December, six Muslims executed for plotting to assassinate Mubarak ...

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## GEORGIA

Rebels murder two army generals, blow up train ...

Georgia and Abkhazia begin POW exchanges ...

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## TADZHIKISTAN

Agreement signed to deploy Russian troops along Tadjik-Iranian border to prevent rebels from crossing into republic; Russians already based on Tadjik-Afghan border ...

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## CAMBODIA

Government holds "secret" talks in Bangkok with Khmer Rouge leader Shieu Samphan; Cambodian and communist forces massing for confrontation at Sisophon ...

Cambodia demands Thailand turn over some 1,500 tons of weapons found in a Thai warehouse (corrupt Thai army officers were selling the arms to Khmer Rouge) ...

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### NORTHERN IRELAND

Britain says IRA has no real choice but to renounce violence in order to talk peace. IRA claims it has enough money and weapons to last another decade as is, adding Britain must make the concessions; guerrilla response underscored by wave of post-holiday IRA bombings in Belfast and England ...

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### BOSNIA

Croat units in Sarajevo reject "offer" to merge into Muslim-controlled Bosnian army, amid widespread rumors of a secret arms pipeline now supplying Muslims from a Middle East nation ...

France and Britain say their forces may pull out if there is no Balkans peace agreement by April or May. British envoy Lord Owen says war would be over if Bush were still U.S. president, as Muslims demands increased once they believed Clinton would bomb Serbia ...

Canada says it will keep troops in Bosnia despite incident of drunken Serb militiamen forcing 11 soldiers to stand against wall, then firing weapons over Canadians' heads and at their feet ...

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### TURKEY

Government reports Kurdish rebellion killed 725 soldiers and police, 1,944 PKK rebels and 1,511 civilians in 1993. Turkish planes bomb PKK camps in Bingol province and in Iran; fighting continues ...

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### LEBANON

Norwegian patrol mistaken for guerrillas by Israeli troops who attack, killing one and wounding another — Israel expresses "sorrow" over incident ...

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### UKRAINE

Former Soviet navy's herd of dolphins being auctioned off by Ukraine and Russia (These were trained in Black Sea to sweep mines, attack enemy divers, even to parachute!); dolphins have been sold to aquariums and traveling shows — more than 50 have died through mishandling ...

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### ALGERIA

Mass arrests of suspected Muslim fundamentalists and supporters continue; 12 Croatian engineers murdered ...

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### SOUTH AFRICA

Conservative white parties vow to fight to establish white enclave in Orange Free State ...

Some 10,000 Zulus rally at Isandlwana to assert they will not accept domination by Mandela's ANC ...

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### PHILIPPINES

Muslim rebels begin selectively killing Christians, something not seen since the 1970s. Rebels throw grenades into church; two mosques blown up by Christian militias in retaliation ...

Defense officials say congressional plans to further cut defense budget will jeopardize military's ability to protect nation. Most nearby countries have F-16s, while the Philippines employs obsolete F-5 fighters ...

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### NORTH KOREA

Government says 20 U.S. spy planes crossed its territory in mid-December ...

CIA reports North Korea has probably built one or two nuclear bombs and holds enough plutonium for two more; Pentagon and South Koreans doubt the communists currently have required technology to build and deliver nukes ...

Nuclear reactor planned to open in 1995 could provide enough plutonium to make 12 bombs annually ...

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## White House Group Studies Broadest Gun Control Plan in Decades

By Ann Devroy and Pierre Thomas  
*Washington Post Staff Writers*

A Clinton administration working group on firearms is considering one of the broadest gun control proposals in decades, but

expressed reservations about nationalizing the one proposal the president most warmly embraced.

But with a comprehensive crime package pending before congress, a senior aide said, "We are doing first things first, first thing is the crime bill." The

## Administration Floats Proposal For Licensing All Gun Owners

Despite Public Mood, Idea Raises Political Perils

By STEPHEN LABATON  
*Special to the New York Times*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 — Reacting both to polls that show Americans ever more fearful of violent crime and to Tuesday night's carnage on the Long

Brady bill mandating a waiting period for purchases of handguns and supporting a plan to restrict the sale of



◀ **U.S. SEN. JOSEPH BIDEN**  
 “[Banning guns] is an idea whose time has come.”

*Associated Press 11/18/93*



▲ **U.S. SURGEON GENERAL JOYCELYN ELDERS**  
 “Handguns are a public health issue.”

*USA Today 11/9/93*

**U.S. REP. MAJOR OWENS**  
 “My bill ... establishes a 6-month grace period for the turning in of handguns.”

*U.S. Congressional Record 11/10/93*



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 “[Banning guns] addresses a fundamental right of all Americans to feel safe.”

*Associated Press 11/18/93*



◀ **PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON**  
 “President Clinton said he views passage of the Brady Bill as only the beginning of a much broader effort by his Administration to seek sweeping gun control measures ...” “He ordered the Justice Department to begin studying gun licensing, registration and collection proposals.”

*Los Angeles Times 12/5/93; Washington Times 12/10/93*

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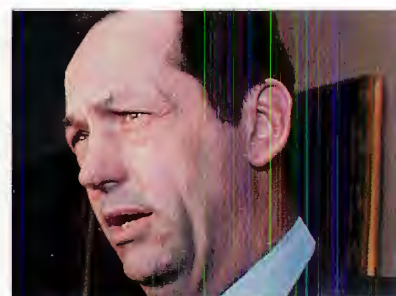
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*U.S. Senate Confirmation Hearings 1993*



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 “[With 25% more taxes on guns and ammunition] \$600 million could be raised from these purveyors of violence.”

*Associated Press 10/6/93*

▲ **U.S. SEN. HOWARD METZENBAUM**  
 “Until we can ban all of them, then we might as well ban none.”

*Senate Hearings 1993*



**LOS ANGELES MAYOR RICHARD RIORDAN**  
 “We should try to keep handguns in the hands of police.”

*NBC’s Meet The Press 11/28/93*



▲ **SARAH BRADY, HANDGUN CONTROL, INC.**

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"I'm personally all for [taxing guns to pay for health care coverage]."

*New York Times 11/4/93*



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"[With a 10,000% tax] we could tax them out of existence."

*Washington Post 11/4/93*

▲ **U.S. REP. MEL REYNOLDS**

"If it were up to me we'd ban them all."

*CNN Crossfire 12/9/93*

▶ **U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO**

"Gun registration is not enough."

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*Associated Press 12/10/93; ABC's "Good Morning America" 12/10/93*



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## James Bond's Fanny Pack

Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis

There are a number of valid reasons that justify the acquisition of sound-suppressed firearms. Some are quite innocuous, others more sinister, but still legitimate. Among the more mundane applications are pest control and informal target shooting without the need for hearing protection. There are presumably those who obtain sound suppressors solely because they are intrigued by the "James Bond" mystique associated with these devices. Law enforcement tactical teams sometimes deploy with sound-suppressed MP5s to permit voice contact between team members during dynamic building entries. Finally, government operatives, both military and civilian, involved in clandestine operations employ sound suppressors to remove sentries and, occasionally, more important personnel.

More firearms chambered for the .22 LR rimfire cartridge have been modified for sound suppression than any other. Why this cartridge instead of more impressive rounds like the .45 ACP?

First of all, the .22 LR cartridge has relatively low muzzle blast. And, it's the muzzle blast to which all sound suppressors, successful or not, address themselves. They do so by use of a single formula from physics known as the ideal gas law. Applicable to all ideal gases (any gas behaves as an ideal gas if its density is very low), the equation states that pressure equals temperature multiplied by a constant divided by volume. As muzzle blast is a consequence of relatively high-pressure gases exiting the barrel, reduction of this pressure immediately before exit, by either increasing the volume or decreasing the temperature (cooling), or both, will reduce the sound pressure level.

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.22 LR semiauto pistols available, a substantial portion of which have compact and concealable lightweight envelopes. Almost all of these operate by means of unlocked blowback with fixed barrels. This means we can hang a suppressor on the muzzle with no effect on the weapon's reliable

operation. Attaching a sound suppressor to many locked-breech, short-recoil-operated pistols places an added mass on the rearward moving components that often requires the addition of a sophisticated recoil booster to insure positive functioning.

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cartridge short (no pun intended). Outside of military and law enforcement circles, it has done and continues to do great execution, albeit not always swiftly. When fired from pistol-length barrels, .22 LR 36-grain lead hollow-points will expand anywhere from .30 up to .35 caliber and will penetrate more than nine inches of soft tissue. Caliber .22 LR 40-grain, round-nose lead projectiles will penetrate approximately 13.5 inches of soft tissue. Furthermore, these latter bullets almost always yaw 180 degrees during their passage through tissue, ending their path traveling base forward. Where the bullet yaw is at its maximum, 60 to 120 degrees, the height of the wound track will increase to half an inch (the length of the bullet) maximum and crush a wider area of tissue.

Nevertheless, the bullet that makes the biggest hole will do the most damage, providing we have the penetration required (a minimum of 12 inches in soft tissue). In this regard the .22 LR round remains marginal at best. However, for sentry removal and other clandestine operations, these weapons will be used up close with careful shot placement — preferably in the head.

Arms Tech Inc. (Dept. SOF, 5121 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012) has been in operation for more than six years, but remains relatively unknown outside of the government circles in which it deals exclusively. Arcane International Ltd. (Dept. SOF, 5133 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012) distributes Arms Tech sound suppressors that are similar to their government models but designed specifically for the civilian marketplace. *Soldier Of Fortune* was recently provided with a specimen of the Arms Tech government model, a sound-suppressed Ruger 22/45 pistol for test and evaluation.

Ruger's 22/45 pistol provides shooters with both the Colt M1911A1's 17-degree grip angle and its left-side controls, as well as a frame fabricated from a space-age synthetic material. It also provides an excellent platform for installation of a sound-suppressor.

The Ruger 22/45 pistol's grip

frame is made of matte black, glass-filled, injection-molded Zytel nylon. Zytel is unaffected by salt water, sweat, oils or bore cleaning solvents. It also tends to slightly dampen sound pressure levels. It will not crack, chip or peel and never needs refinishing.

The magazine catch/release has been moved from the heel of the frame, where it is found on the standard Ruger .22 pistols in the European manner, to the left side of the frame directly in back of the trigger, where it is located on the M1911A1 series.

The manual thumb safety is also located on the left side of the frame in the same location as on the M1911A1 and on the Ruger Mark II series. Push down to fire. In the safe position, the mechanism blocks the sear and prevents it from pivoting forward to release the hammer when the trigger is pulled.

The bolt's hold-open release button will be found on the left side in approximately the same place as the M1911A1's slide stop lever. The hold-open is activated — after the last shot has been fired — when a steel button protruding from the left side of the magazine (and also used for manually lowering the magazine follower when loading the magazine) pivots a sheet-metal lever in the frame upward to hold the bolt to the rear.

Ruger 22/45 receivers are made from heavy-walled, seamless, 400 series stainless steel tubing that has been machine-finished. The stress-relieved barrel forgings are also made of heat-treated, 400 series stainless steel. All Ruger .22 LR semiauto pistol barrels have six-groove rifling with a right-hand twist of one turn in 16 inches.

The bolt is made of polished, black oxide-finished, chrome-moly steel, and Ruger 22/45 bolts have the Ruger logo stamped onto the rear face. The fixed ejector, a stainless steel stamping, is permanently attached to the receiver. The two-piece extractor is spring-loaded. Also spring-loaded, the firing pin's protrusion is restricted by a cross-pin that passes through the bolt body. The recoil spring,

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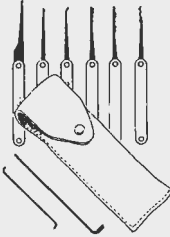
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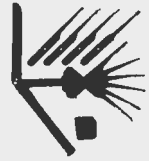
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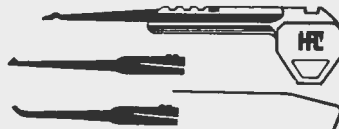
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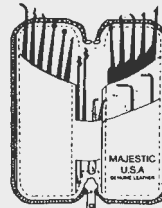
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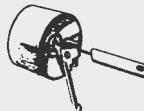


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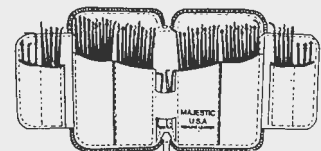
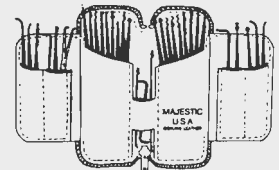
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## WACO VIDEO NOT ENHANCED

The article that appeared in the February edition of *SOF* titled "Waco Whitewash Continues" was very informative and, for the most part, accurate. There is one point I feel needs some small amount of clarification. On page 59 you state, "with the assistance of film experts in California, COPS had the images digitized, then computer-enhanced images were compared in a split-screen format."

This statement is slightly misleading without further clarification: We transferred the original beta-cam video material to digital tape for examination purposes. We freeze-framed, split-screened and magnified certain portions so we could detect any alleged gas-jet apparatus on the vehicle. In employing this technology we did not add to or take from any of the images involved in the footage. When we produced



the master tape for distribution to the media, the results of our examination clearly showed that enhancements were *not* necessary. The raw, unaltered material from the network's tapes were clear enough to show the obvious.

Michael J. McNulty, Chairman  
California Organization  
For Public Safety

## SANTOLI ON THE MONEY

Al Santoli's excellent article concerning the POW/MIA issue ("Clinton's Second Vietnam Sellout" *SOF* Jan. '94) once again demonstrates the lengths the U.S. government and big business will go in order to accomplish normalization of relations with Vietnam.

The blatant abandonment and insensitivity to missing Americans in southeast Asia is outright treason. How will our military forces ever be able to feel they have the complete backing of the government after seeing how other patriotic Americans have been treated in Vietnam. Thanks to *SOF* and people like Mr. Santoli, our POW/MIAs will not be forgotten.

Robert W. Sisk  
Emmett, Indiana

## WAR: ENDS & MEANS

I just finished Colonel Hackworth's article "Why We Lost in 'Nam" in the December '93 issue. Since 1972 I have been trying to figure out what went wrong in Vietnam. Except for saying the war was unwinnable, I agree with what he had to say.

I want to alert *SOF* readers to a book titled *War — Ends & Means* by Paul Seabury and Angelo Codevilla, published by Basic Books of New York. Seabury is a professor of political science at Berkeley, and the book analyzes war from causes to how to make peace. The embarrassing parts are where they point out things like our government's refusal to support a coup against Manuel Noriega with one company in October 1989 to then turn around and use two divisions to bring him down. Or the absurdity

of Jimmy Carter's show of force in 1979 by sending a squadron of F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia, then announcing to the world they would not be armed. Their discussion of self-interest and self-deception seems to me the sum total of the war in 'Nam.

B. C. Holt  
Mountain View, Arkansas

## PAC FOR RESPONSIBLE COMMAND

Hackworth's "Out of Somalia" (Jan. '94) makes its point but in too narrow a context. The problem with the statement, "It's never the soldier's fault, seldom the equipment; it can usually be traced to incompetent and blind leadership" is that it's not just soldiers, but all the rest of us. Actually, we all bleed unnecessarily, paying top dollar for the privilege.

Soldiers don't vote their commanders into office, but all the rest of us indirectly do. And though military traditions are somewhat preserved by career officers and academies, legislators and legal activists chip away at them. Maybe we need a PAC For Responsible Command. Casting blame feels good, but it's just a replay of the original problem.

Dan Starr  
New Haven, Connecticut

## TASK FORCE SMITH GOT JOB DONE

I think that Col. Hackworth made an incorrect analogy comparing Task Force Smith with the disaster in Somalia ("Out of Somalia"). Task Force Smith was formed in Japan on a moment's notice and sent to Korea at a time of crisis with a specific two-fold mission, both of which they accomplished. There was never any assumption they would win a battle or capture an objective. There was no shame or dishonor in their performance.

Before Col. Hackworth makes any more casual assumptions he

should recognize that the real root cause of the Somalia disaster was not so much bleeding-heart liberals in decision-making positions, but career military officers who refused to take a stand against them, knowing full well they were wrong. I guess the fear of being passed over for advancement or losing one's benefits or even getting a nasty letter in one's file can be a devastating thought to an officer "on his way up."

Remember an officer named Douglas MacArthur, who said no to the commander in chief and was promptly fired? In my eyes there is no greater officer in the peacetime army than one who puts his career on the line to prevent the frivolous or dangerous commitment of his men.

Arnie Rein  
Buffalo, New York

### ON WAR & VIETNAM

I was saddened that Mr. Fitzgerald dismissed Col. Summers as "strictly a staff type" in February's FLAK column. His rejection of Summers' book "On Strategy," coupled with his own view of what the

Vietnam War was about and how we could have achieved victory seems to indicate he needs to be reminded of the reality of both history and the situation.

Until 1975 the United States had never failed to win an armed conflict or outright war. Carefully studied principles of military strategy judiciously applied with generous doses of touted American innovation seemed to always carry the day. The Vietnam conflict is, however, a study in how military strategy was neither effectively applied nor appreciated. Because essential elements in conducting war, as defined by Clausewitz and others, were blatantly ignored by the policy makers in the United States, failure could be the only outcome — and no amount of courage on the battlefield or innovative tactical applications could change it.

MSgt. Ray A. Letteer (USAF)  
Huber Heights, Ohio

### HAWKS DODGE DRAFT TOO

Concerning your "Slick Willie Watch" (Dec. '93), it is indeed sad the numerous names of the KIA or

MIA in 'Nam during Slick Willie's tour of Russia. But, why don't you print the names of those who were KIA or MIA when some other famous draft dodgers were enjoying the safety and success guaranteed by those who sacrificed their lives or were captured?

Don't forget such "hawks" as former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, who enjoyed five deferments (the last for his wife's pregnancy nine months and two days after he applied); nor National Guardsman and former Navy Secretary John Lehman, who enjoyed graduate school and posed in a Navy flight suit while his contemporaries were suffering and dying in 'Nam. Also let us not forget our former VP who used his family's political clout to get into the National Guard when, as former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower Lawrence Korbe writes in *Army Times*, "Everyone .. knows exactly why people joined the Guard ... in those days, namely to avoid going to Vietnam, because in 1965, President Johnson decided this nation would fight the war with draftees as

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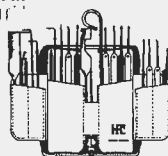
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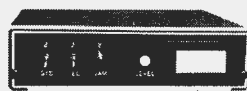
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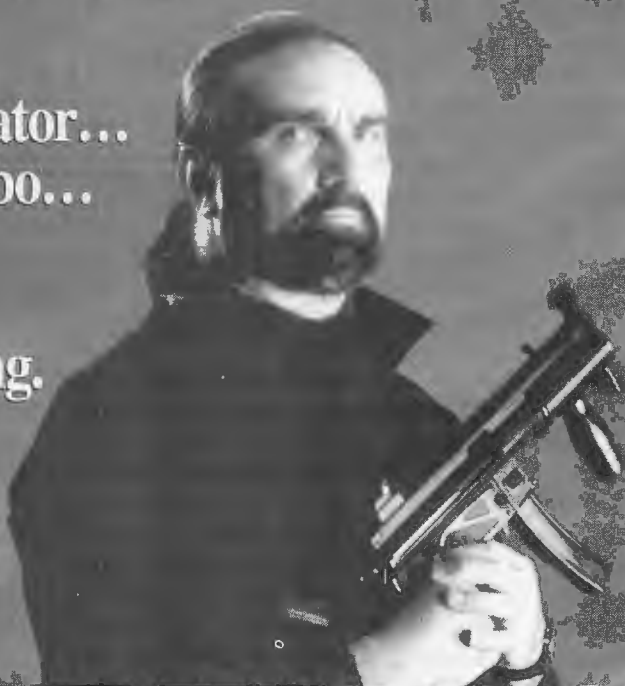
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Richard Marcinko's action-packed autobiography *ROGUE WARRIOR* was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. In it, he revealed everything he *could* about his maverick career with the U.S. Navy SEALs and the exploits which ultimately earned him a year in federal prison.

But there was more—much, much more—about his 30 years as a member of the Navy's elite core of counterterrorist commandos that Marcinko was *forbidden* to tell.

Since there is no stopping Richard Marcinko, he and co-author John Weisman have written *ROGUE WARRIOR II: RED CELL*.

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Marcinko "makes Arnold Schwarzenegger look like Little Lord Fauntleroy."

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opposed to calling up guardsmen and reservists."

I know you don't like Slick Willie, and to be sure he was a draft dodger, but let's at least be fair about these "hawks." You must admit that those who as much as said, "Don't send me, but be sure and kick ass over there!" were at least as reprehensible and guilty as were the avowed doves.

D. T. Moen  
Bradenton, Florida

### FOR WHOM THE DEATH CLOCK TOLLS

The "Death Clock" [featured in this month's Bulletin Board on page 8] is the latest attempt by the anti-gun lobby to use sensationalism and the media to distort the real truth about the relationship between firearms and crime in the United States. Unless the complete circumstances of each shooting incident are known, the only thing that the Death Clock figures will ever represent is hot air. To make matters worse, it will continue to run until the American public pulls its head out of the sand and demands swifter and

harsher punishments for violent criminals.

Death Clock figures are not likely to be indicative of the actual situation. There will probably be no distinction between criminal shootings and legitimate self-defense. Will there be a breakdown of how many of these shooting crimes are committed by individuals who have already been incarcerated for crimes involving violence? Probably not. That would involve too much research on the part of the antigun lobby. Furthermore, it would strengthen the politically incorrect argument of harsher punishments, including the death penalty, for violent criminals. In times past, most of these felons would have already been executed with public knowledge of their timely demise serving as an effective deterrent to many



other would-be violent criminals.

What can the law-abiding gun owners of America do about the Death Clock? I have visions of erecting a Career Crook Clock. It would indicate the number of violent felons released prior to serving their complete prison sentences. However, it is not likely that even the NRA could muster enough funds to build a clock large enough. Besides, we have better things to do with our money.

SFC Harry M. Braxton Jr.  
Fort Knox, Kentucky ✕

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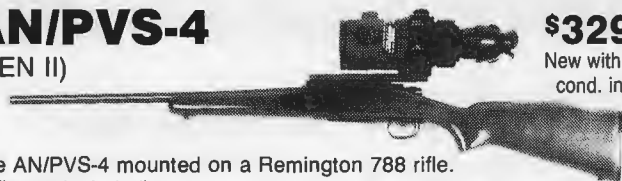
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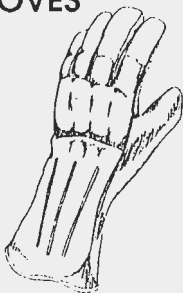
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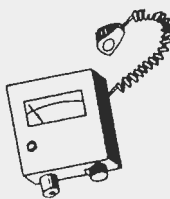


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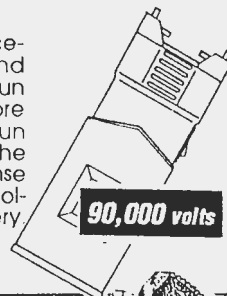


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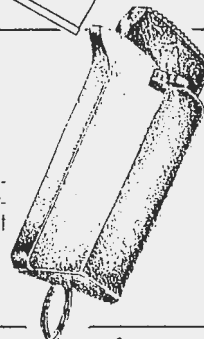
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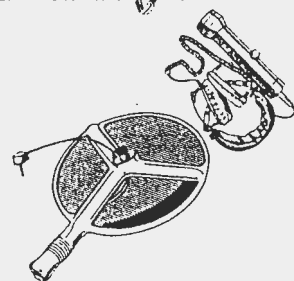
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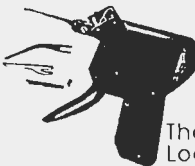
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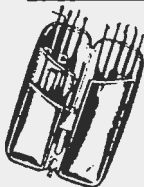


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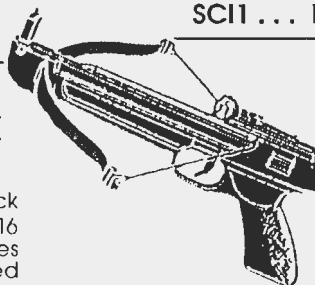
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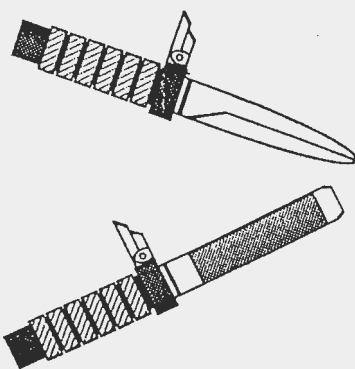
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## Texas P.I. Pursues Most Dangerous Game

by Capt. Larry Bailey

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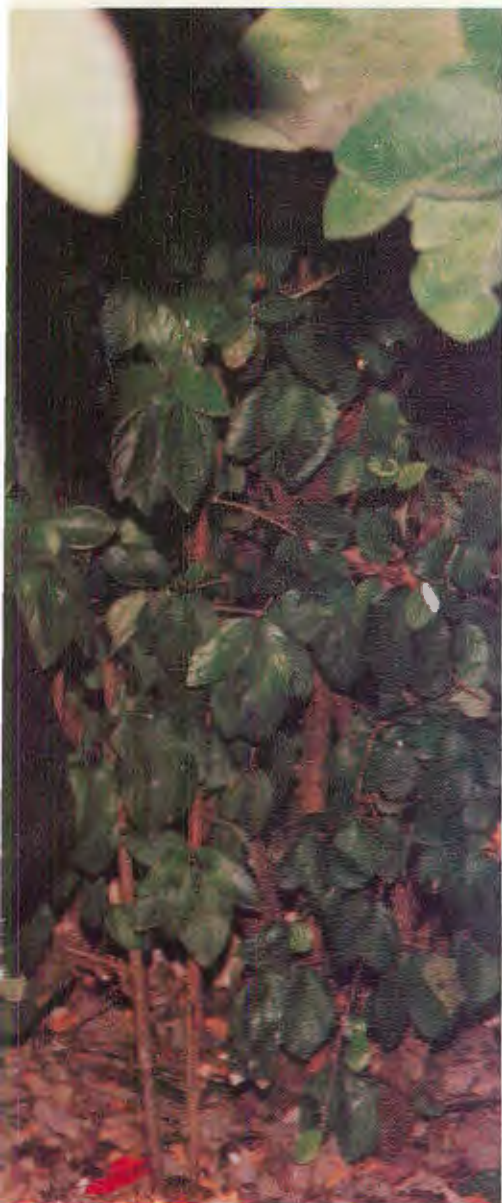
*Johnny Yuma was a rebel  
He rode through the West ...*

So ran the theme song for television's most famous bounty hunter (*The Rebel*, as played by Nick Adams — remember?). The Johnny Yumas of today might be a tad on the rebellious side, but any professional resemblance ends there. The world of

a modern bounty hunter (or, more appropriately, "bail recovery agent") and the equipment he employs are a far cry from that of the old "bring 'em back, dead or alive" operatives who, often as not, were shady characters themselves.

To understand the job's nature, it helps to examine the origins of bail

Above: Moving toward an observation point, Rick Anderson employs voice-activated radio headset and Remington Police Model 870 12-gauge shotgun with 12-inch barrel. Restrictions on bail recovery agents are harsh in Texas, where numerous bondsmen and bounty hunters have been imprisoned.



A prisoner would pay a percentage of his bond to this individual, who would then post the full amount, thus becoming financially responsible to the court for the prisoner's appearance on the appointed court date.

This appeared to be a good deal for everybody, except for a common tendency of criminals: Some of them "jumped bail" and left their bondsmen holding the bag. Since a bondsman had a financial interest in his fugitive being brought to justice, he acquired a common-law right to arrest him, or to designate an agent to do so on his behalf. This same right has survived, in various forms, here in the United States, with our legal code being based on English common law.

Each state, however, has its own laws and regulations relating to bounty hunters. Texas, for example, requires them to hold a private investigator's license; some states (again including Texas) restrict all but in-state bounty hunters from operating within their borders.

Surprisingly, Texas is the most difficult state for a bounty hunter to work in. Texas bail bondsmen are prohibited from making arrests and are closely regulated. However, Texas bail-recovery agents licensed as private investigators can, in most cases, make arrests.

The Lone Star State is particularly rough on out-of-state operatives attempting to detain bail-jumpers within its borders; criminal charges can include kidnapping, as evinced by the

numerous bail bondsmen and bounty hunters imprisoned in Texas for illegally trying to recover their investments. Nevertheless, the bounty-hunting trade is still plied in Texas. If one young man has his way, it will prosper there.

### Texas Lone Wolf

Meet Rick Anderson, bounty hunter *extraordinaire* operating out of several border towns in the Rio Grande Valley, about as close to the wild West as one can get these days. Even with the state restrictions imposed on his activities, he manages to generate a modicum of excitement on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

A Michigan native, Rick attended high school at Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas, a stereotypical little Rio Grande Valley town. He first became involved with law enforcement in 1982 and was employed full-time as a firefighter from 1983 through 1986. He also volunteered thousands of hours with various law enforcement agencies.

In 1987 Rick joined the U.S. Navy in order to become a SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) commando. As commanding officer of Naval Special Warfare Center (the SEAL school) in Coronado, California, I came to know Rick when he underwent the basic SEAL course (see "U.S. Navy SEALs: What It Takes!" *SOF* Oct. '93). However, he was seriously injured in a training accident and unable to heal sufficiently to continue SEAL training, so Rick

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bondsmen and bounty hunters. When a malefactor was arrested in medieval England, the local sheriff was charged with feeding and housing him until his case could be heard. As this responsibility was both expensive to taxpayers and inconvenient for lawmen of the time, a system developed allowing a prisoner to post a monetary "bond" as surety for his promise to appear in court at an appointed time.

Since most prisoners did not have full amounts of bond to post, the profession of "bail bondsman" developed.

Anderson apprehends a patron outside a Rio Grande Valley country-and-western nightclub. Such watering holes are prime locations for nabbing bail-jumpers. Photo: Karam Boulos





**Tools of the trade:** Anderson's basics include (from left) 9mm Glock 17 pistol, leg-irons and handcuffs, night-vision binos and infrared-enhanced scope, National Association of Bail Enforcement Agents' I.D. and badge, Gerber Multi-Plier, a 150,000-volt stun baton, voice-activated headsets and standard radios, ballistic vest, pistol-gripped Mossberg pump-action 12-gauge shotgun and Remington Model 1187 semiauto 12-gauge with rifle sights.

served out his enlistment aboard ship.

After discharge in 1991, Rick returned to "the valley" to begin working full-time as a bail recovery agent. He has since compiled an enviable record of successes on both sides of the Rio Grande. Two such efforts are recounted here:

#### **Operation 93-021**

**Location:** Brownsville, Texas

**Subject:** "Mr. Gonzales"

Through an anonymous phone call, Rick was informed of the whereabouts of a fugitive who had jumped a \$250,000 bail (known here as "Gonzales" and accused of smuggling



**Laptop computer station** atop Anderson's handmade between-seats storage console is fax-capable, features cellular phone and can access numerous intelligence databases.

several hundred pounds of marijuana). The bondsman involved had already spent more than \$9,000 trying to locate Gonzales, but to no avail.

Since Rick already knew where Gonzales was hiding out, it was simple to get the bondsman to sign a "letter of agreement for services" promising payment if Rick apprehended the bail-jumper. One Friday morning last April, Rick was busy hunting through a known drug-smuggling *barrio* in the border town of Brownsville. After some difficulty, he managed to establish surveillance on Gonzales entering a convenience store to buy gas.

Since he was still in Gonzales'

pistol on the seat beside him. But as L.B. hung onto the outlaw's left wrist, Cawthon and Rick managed to subdue and handcuff the desperado. Gonzales was then taken to jail and held without bail (for some reason). He later pleaded guilty on the dope-smuggling charge, receiving 99 years' prison time with a \$50,000 fine.

**Update:** With a \$250,000 bail in danger of forfeiture, one might think Rick ended up with a fantastic payday — Not! The ungrateful bondsman has so far refused to part with a penny, so Rick had no choice but to file felony charges for theft of services against him. That case is still



**Modern-day, mission-specific features** of Anderson's customized operations van include this overhead console: two-way radio at left, police scanner at center over weapons locker. Ceiling holds battle-lantern assembly for night operations.

neighborhood, however, and since the fugitive was known to be armed, Rick phoned a good friend working in Cameron County, Texas Ranger Matt Cawthon. Cawthon quickly arrived to help develop an apprehension plan.

After the Ranger and the hunter set up surveillance on the *barrio's* perimeter, a federal agent known as "L.B." arrived. Since L.B.'s radio was incompatible with those used by state and local authorities, Rick provided him with a spare.

In less than an hour, Gonzales was spotted driving through the *barrio*; Rick's group moved in on him from three directions. Just as Cawthon was about to pull him over, Gonzales drove into a liquor store parking lot. Jumping from his car in pursuit, the Ranger drew down on Gonzales' passenger-side window while L.B. grabbed the fugitive's left arm from the driver side.

With Cawthon's Colt .45 automatic trained on his head, Gonzales still reached with his free right hand for a

pending, as is a related civil suit.

#### **Operation 93-022**

**Location:** Mission, Texas

**Subject:** "Mr. Castro"

Shortly after Gonzales' capture, Rick was contacted by a Michigan bondsman regarding a drug dealer who had skipped on \$100,000 bail while awaiting trial on major narcotics charges. The only information available was the fugitive's name ("Castro"), the fact that he was a Cuban, his wife's name and age, plus a hint that he might be living in the Mission area. Enclosed with this information was a plaintive note from the bondsman stating, "I need this guy within 16 days, or I lose \$100,000."

Rick immediately went high-tech, running a quick name search of his computer's database. Right away he hit pay dirt, locating an address where Mrs. Castro's parents had been for less than three months. Initial indications were that Castro, his wife and chil-

***There is no hunting like the hunting of a man, and those who have hunted armed men and liked it never cared for [hunting] anything else thereafter.***  
**— Ernest Hemingway**

dren were living with these in-laws, so the obvious first step was to stake out their house and wait for the fugitive to show himself.

Unfortunately, the house was located in an open area on a main road outside Mission, making vehicle-based surveillance awkward. But after carefully scouting the area, Rick located a wooded site just north of the structure that provided the needed cover. He then called in an associate named Ed Hayward; Rick would watch from the wooded area while Hayward made intermittent passes by the house in Rick's van.

At 0245 on D-day, Rick and Hayward made several drive-bys of the general area, taking inventory of cars and gathering other intelligence. Later, at 0500, Rick exited the van and worked his way up to the tree line's edge, where he observed the target until 1045. Having seen no activity, Rick and Hayward terminated initial surveillance.

Rick then learned of another house where Castro might be living, but checking it out, it presented much the same results as house No. 1 — it

looked lived in, yet there was no visible activity. He noticed something peculiar, however: Both houses had large numbers of caged chickens in their backyards.

#### **Pagan Hideout**

What came to Rick's mind was a possible connection between Castro and the practice of "Santeria," the religion of a drug-dealing satanic cult made notorious through the "Kilroy murders" several years ago in Matamoros, Mexico. Cult members believe their voodoo-type activities render them invisible and immune to harm. Drug gangs are particularly attracted to Santeria practices.

After two or three more days of investigating various leads, Hayward and "Jim" (another member of Rick's team) managed to pose as a realtor and a potential buyer to gain access to house No. 1. While Rick repositioned himself in the nearby wooded area, his two assistants were able to carry on a discussion with Castro's in-laws and look through every room in the house for evidence of drugs, weapons or Santeria-related items.

The pair reported to Rick that shrines, candles and other religious paraphernalia were in all major rooms of the house. This further convinced Rick of a Santeria connection.

Over the next 10 days, Rick and his team bided their time, waiting for an ideal opportunity to jump Castro. A couple times they even spotted him, but were unable to persuade the local sheriff to provide a deputy for assistance in making an arrest.

Finally, as Rick was again staking out house No. 1, Castro walked out and climbed into a car. Once again the sheriff was unable to provide an assisting deputy, so Rick called a nearby city's police department. All of its units were out on calls, but the supervisor agreed to break away and come to the team's assistance. Shortly after this, the sheriff's office surprised Rick by sending a unit to the area for assistance. Things were now in place for a successful apprehension.

Meanwhile, Castro had driven off, ending up at a convenience-store parking lot where there were about 20 vehicles and at least 40 people — not an ideal situation for making a felony arrest of someone known to be armed and violent. The fugitive entered the store while Rick's team gathered.

Rick and a deputy sheriff waited until the fugitive left the store and returned to his car; fortunately, by this time the parking lot had emptied somewhat. As Castro's red Camaro began to back out of his parking place, Rick and the deputy effected the outlaw's arrest without incident.

**Update:** After three weeks in jail, Castro was given a "fugitive from justice" bond, so he obviously figured he was entitled to become a fugitive again. Some months later, however, Rick located Castro in a different house and arrested him once more.

As Rick commented, "Needless to say, he recognized me from the first arrest and was not too happy to see



Anderson conducts surveillance through smoked glass in his custom van. Operating from this vehicle, he can covertly watch, listen, tape-record, or incapacitate subjects — whatever the situation requires.

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## Waco is a pious old cow town

on the Brazos River, the buckle of the Texas Bible Belt. Sometimes called "Jerusalem on the Brazos," it is home to about 200 churches, 103,000 souls and the world's largest Baptist university, Baylor, which still forbids dancing on campus. Even the downtown streets seem to have been laid out with puritanical zeal: straight, narrow and mostly one-way.

In the minds of civic boosters, though, Waco is the "Heart of Texas." Maybe. But it has not exactly been a wellspring of Christian charity for surviving members of the Branch Davidian cult.

These survivors are the remnants of a Seventh-day Adventist Church splinter group, a community incinerated in the fiery climax of a 51-day siege on their Mount Carmel religious retreat by U.S. Army tanks and hundreds of federal agents.

The tragedy began after reckless and incompetent federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) supervisors decided not to arrest cult leader David Koresh, wanted on firearms and explosives charges, quietly and sanely. Instead, ATF agents Phillip Chojnacki, Chuck Sarabyn and Ted Royster chose to risk the lives of scores of innocents — mostly women and children — in a pathetically vainglorious attempt at a paramilitary raid, necessitated mainly by the presence of invited TV crews.

Responding to political pressure from Washington, D.C., Waco's Red Cross chapter declared the Branch Davidian survivors ineligible for help because they had been involved in a "civil disorder." With the exception of the Salvation Army and a few individuals, Waco largely shunned them. Like an oddly colored chicken that gets pecked to death by the rest of the flock, the small clutch of Branch Davidians who began roosting at the Brittney hotel in downtown Waco were widely disliked, living symbols of blame for bringing undeserved notoriety to a fine Christian city.

The Brittney threw open its doors to the Branch Davidians because hotel manager Mark Domangue took

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the biblical parable of the Good Samaritan to heart, deciding someone ought to help these people, even if he could neither understand nor condone their odd religious beliefs. Domangue is now an object of the same scorn and social ostracism experienced by cult members. He says his advocacy for the rights of those dispossessed survivors has drawn the only thing that might be worse than the wrath of God: the wrath of the Internal Revenue Service.

Unfortunately, Domangue's generosity apparently exceeds his business acumen. Acknowledging that the cumulative effect of past financial difficulties along with the

added burden of supporting cult survivors had overwhelmed him financially, Domangue told *Soldier Of Fortune* how he tried to settle his case with the IRS. But they rejected his offer and "chose to publicly humiliate me because of my support for the Branch Davidians."

"It's politically motivated harassment, pure and simple. There are many, many people who've owed the IRS a whole lot more than I do, for a lot longer than I have. What happened to me is ridiculous," Domangue said.

The IRS contacted Domangue last fall — when he was becoming an increasingly visible and vocal critic of government conduct in the Waco disaster — and told him he owed \$14,442 in federal withholding taxes and unemployment insurance for a two-year period. The tax agents claimed he owed this amount to cover non-paying guests — Branch Davidians and others — who had helped out around the hotel in exchange for room and board. The IRS deemed these arrangements "bartered services" and, as such, taxable. Already strapped for cash, Domangue disputed the IRS claim.

On 10 November, the IRS filed a lien against the hotel's property title as security for the 14 grand. Arthur Sanders of Oklahoma City, who lent Domangue money to buy the Brittney in 1991, wanted to settle the IRS claim and other debts against the property by auctioning off the hotel.

Domangue said he first tried to negotiate a settlement with the IRS. He had a U.S. Treasury check for \$10,000 — reimbursement of a cash bond he had posted to secure the release from jail of Branch Davidian member Oliver Gyarfas III. Domangue told *SOF* he offered the revenue service this \$10,000 and proposed making monthly payments on the \$4,442 balance. The IRS refused. So he told them he would go ahead with the hotel auction and pay off the dept in full afterward. Domangue said Sanders had also agreed to pay off any liens after the sale, so any buyer would have a clear title.

The hotel's auction sale was advertised and set for 1300 on 9 December. That morning, McLennan County sheriff's deputies served a tax warrant on Domangue. They confiscated the Brittney's well-worn furnishings as security against \$5,175 in delinquent and current local taxes. The state had already filed a \$1,362 tax lien against the hotel property.

As the auction got underway in one of the hotel's second-floor meeting rooms, seven plainclothes IRS agents with weapons clearly visible burst in, telling startled bidders to leave. "There'll be no auction today, Mark!" shouted one agent who rushed in identifying himself as being with the IRS "criminal division" — implying Domangue had committed a "crime." He nudged Domangue into a side room.

Domangue was held incommunicado briefly, then emerged from the side room and encouraged local media members to photograph the agents "who ran off my bidders ... They took off like a flushed covey of quail."

"I got my hat and left," remarked one bidder, Bill Johnson. "When a guy walks in with a gun, it doesn't take me long to realize I don't need to be there." He criticized the heavy-handedness of the IRS and its obvious intent to

# HARDBREAK HOTEL

IRS Nails Waco's Good Samaritan

by James L. Pate



intimidate everyone with an implied threat of violence. "It looks like they could have done it quietly ahead of time, a little more tactfully," Johnson told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. "To ride in blazing ..."

"I was aware of the IRS lien," said veteran auctioneer Ronnie Garner Sr. "I was aware I was going to be served with papers ... It's standard procedure for a lien holder to serve an owner or an auctioneer. And it's an auctioneer's responsibility or the broker's responsibility to make sure they get their money before the deal is settled. But I did not expect them to seize the place.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Garner added. "The sale was properly advertised. There were buyers there interested in the property."

When Domangue went downstairs to the Brittney lobby, IRS agents were already changing locks on the building. Only one Branch Davidian, Catherine Matteson, who had

After innkeeper Mark Domangue's sheltering of Branch Davidian survivors triggered Waco's ostracism, armed IRS agents moved to publicly humiliate him rather than accept a fair settlement for overdue taxes. Photo: Michelle Dapra

lived at the Mount Carmel retreat 25 years, remained in the Brittney. She and other residents, including Domangue's wife and two children, were given one hour to collect their belongings and vacate the premises.

The next day, 10 December, Domangue used part of the \$10,000 Treasury check to hire a lawyer and file for bankruptcy protection. He had to drive about 60 miles to Killeen, Texas, to find an attorney who would take his case. None of the lawyers in Waco would accept him as a client. "Especially since I started helping out the Davidians, nobody wants to touch me," Domangue told *SOF*.

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# FAST HANDS - S



**Each September** an international migration of peace officers, GIs, and private security operatives converges on Las Vegas, Nevada. Within hours, they join in a contest of arms where skill and experience are their most important assets. Their tools are military-pattern semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and pistols.

The contest is the *Soldier Of Fortune* Three-Gun International Tactical Shooting Match. The men and women who return to this contest every year are patriots, unabashedly pro-Second Amendment and not beholden to political correctness. They like each other, they like what they are doing, and when they get together, good things happen.

When the Army tests skills under the most realistic conditions possible short of combat, it goes to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin,

1. Competitor with Glock and his "fallen comrade's" shotgun sorts out a drug raid gone sour with "bad guys" whose reaction is fight, not flight.
2. Inserted by simulated helicopter, contestant sweeps through *Happy Valley* POW camp, engaging enemy guards with Colt's pistol and rifle designs.
3. Canadian competitor with FAL engages targets from behind cover. International contestants have been well-represented at *SOF* Three-Gun matches.
4. Taking out targets from behind patrol car with his Glock, contestant enters worst-case scenario of a drug raid gone awry in the *Rock House* stage.
5. Shooter bails out of pickup to engage multiple targets with custom AR-15 during team shoot-off stage. Photo: Tom Slizewski

California. Soldiers learn from mistakes in training, before entering the unforgiving crucible of battle — a proven formula for saving lives. Professionals know the *SOF* match fulfills the same function for individuals, and it has become their annual refresher in preparation for the mortal combat which may come at any time.

The match comprises a series of stages adapted from actual police and military incidents. Emphasis is on realism, and participants must display not only shooting ability, but sound tac-

tical procedures. Contestants accustomed to a reliance on blazing speed find new challenges in judging matters pertaining to cover, movement, and comprehension of sometimes ambiguous scenarios.

The '93 match was dedicated to the memory of Al Mar, a special man known around the world for his fine knives. Al was a perennial shooter in the match. His congenial manner and sincere interest in others was apparent to those who knew him even casually. The loss of Al Mar was felt by all

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match participants, and we will always remember him as a comrade who was taken from us in his prime. We share his family's loss and applaud their decision to carry on his good work.

Match Director Michael Horne, announcing the dedication, explained the desire of match staff to make this the best competition ever, and in the opinion of the shooters I spoke with, they succeeded. Stages were increased from six to eight, and selected from "the best of the best" of previous years. Individual shooters were assigned to shooting squads, reporting to their assigned stages as a group. Each squad tackled two or three stages a day for the three days of the match. Members of teams reported to individual stages as a squad, and also participated in a team elimination stage to qualify as one of the top teams to compete in a team shoot-off on Saturday.

The late-summer Nevada desert provides a rugged environment for competition. Rough terrain, dust and heat are the order. Savvy shooters come prepared to withstand the rigors of hours spent on the floor of the desert between stages: That means appropriate dress. Good footwear provides protection from terrain, and boots in colors other than black will spare you solar-induced hofoot. Plan to keep yourself well-supplied with water. You will want to supplement hearing and eye protection with knee and elbow pads.

Stages included *Rock House*, a timed six-station continuous assault course in which 21 steel knock-down targets were engaged. It simulated a worst-case scenario drug raid gone sour, with police casualties on the ground, and many targets representing multiple adversaries, or several highly mobile "bad guys," displaying considerable resilience in the face of gunfire. The competitor engaged eight targets from around a "patrol car" with his pistol, then advanced to the posi-

## SOF's Three-Gun Match Lights Up Las Vegas

by Bill Burriss

Photos by Robert Walchli



With H&K rifle slung, competitor engages targets with pistol, while match official times. Note dress of official (rated at sunscreen level 10): Late-summer Nevada desert can be searing. Photo: Tom Slizewski

Right: Warming up to the threat during *Israeli Bus Rescue*, competitor starts seated, engaging targets with pistol before dismounting to grab shotgun and take the offensive. Photo: Tom Slizewski



tion of an incapacitated fellow officer outside the rock house, there obtaining a shotgun. From there, additional targets were encountered in the entrance and inside the rock house. The shooter's skills were challenged by having to operate effectively in a confined area inside the structure. Crawling on the "floor" and firing prone under and around furniture was doubly delightful due to assorted rocks.

*Israeli Bus Rescue* was a timed seven-station continuous assault involving 22 steel knock-down targets, and numerous no-shoot (bystander) targets. In a simulated terrorist attack

on local security forces and a school bus, the competitor was positioned in a truck with his pistol. A shotgun was stored in an external compartment of the truck. At the signal, a leading escort half-track was hit with a rocket (simulated rocket, real half-track), and numerous terrorists simultaneously attacked civilians in the street and on the bus. The competitor emerged from the truck, engaging nearby "terrorist" targets. As initial threats were removed, the shotgun was retrieved and the shooter advanced, engaging targets as they appeared, first to the half-track, then to another destroyed



Navy Arms team, flanked here by Robert K. Brown and Match Director Michael Horne, took first honors in the sponsor category.



San Diego P.D. team garnered top honors in the Law Enforcement Training category.



The DOE Idaho team walked away with the award in Law Enforcement Street category.



The Tore Askland memorial Senior's trophy went to Vern Hays.



Al Bauder took first place in the Law Enforcement Reserve category, shown here, and in Military Reserve category.



First place for Law Enforcement Full-Time went to Bruce Piatt.



Scandinavian Folke Myrvang traveled to Vegas and grabbed Top Foreign Shooter honors.



Veteran winner Leanne Woslum walked away with first place in the Women's category.



Tyro Shooter award in the '93 match went to Randy Schleining.



The winner's circle: the Top Five Overall shooters in the '93 SOF Three-Gun Match were Bruce Piatt (700.13), Lee Souter (648.78), David Bridgman (620.22), Joe Gaines (618.58) and Jim Wall (611.39). Robert K. Brown, Michael Horne and match sponsors take a moment to pose in their reflected glory.

vehicle, and finally to the bus, whereupon entering, several additional terrorists were serviced, both inside and just outside.

*Beirut Sniper* was a timed six-station continuous assault, engaging 11 steel knock-downs and one cardboard target, with rifle fire. This straightforward stage simulated an infantryman advancing under fire while engaging

targets as they materialized. Knock-down targets were engaged at moderate/short range, but the cardboard target, at a more challenging distance, was engaged repeatedly from various stations throughout the exercise. The challenge was to mentally adjust between close-in fast shots, then slow for distance shots — a difficult combination when overall time was relevant to score. The task was complicated by several no-shoot targets obscuring some knock-downs.

Not to be confused with the above, *Sniper* was a rifle stage involving 20 steel knock-down targets (10-inch plates set into wood boxes). The targets were engaged from one of two parallel firing ports inside a bunker. The shooter fired from prone, and targets were interspersed from 100 to 500 yards. Shooters used iron sights, and bullet strike was obscured because the target was recessed within a box. If a shooter missed two consecutive shots, he was required to switch firing

ports. Time limit was 150 seconds, the object being to shoot down all 20 targets. A very interesting exercise — and it served as a reality check for rifle skills.

*Bug Out* was a four-station, timed retrograde action (meaning a retreat, not rout) in which 20 knock-down targets and one stop plate were engaged, using shotgun, pistol and rifle. The shooter began in cover with shotgun and 10 rounds of buckshot, and holstered pistol. On signal, the shooter engaged the first 10 knock-down targets from the start location and the nearby Shoot Area Two. Leaving the empty shotgun, the shooter proceeded downhill to Shoot Areas Three and Four (simulating small structures), engaging 10 knock-down targets en route. At Shoot Area Five (the same building as Shoot Area Four), the shooter retrieved his rifle and engaged three small knock-down targets situated perhaps 100 yards up the hill he has just evacuated. The entire retreat

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had to be completed, and all targets engaged, within 180 seconds.

*Happy Valley* recreated a POW rescue, with the shooter inserted via simulated helicopter. Twenty-five knock-down targets were engaged with rifle and pistol. The shooter engaged several targets before exiting the helicopter, whereupon he swept through a POW compound, shooting enemy "guards" as encountered, and avoiding no-shoot prisoners. Ammunition shortage forced a transition to pistol during the exercise, but more ammunition was liberated from guards and could have been used to engage several challenging targets with the rifle near completion of the stage.

*Pistol Close Assault* stage was a five-stage continuous assault with 13 knock-down targets, obscured by no-shoot hostages. Simple in concept, but potentially maddening in execution, this stage began with the shooter just outside a small building, behind cover. He engaged targets both outside, prior to entering, and from several points inside. Although proper use of cover was required, here extreme speed was a plus, and many shooters accelerated beyond their abilities — with unfortunate results.

*Increasing Distance* was a multi-

string event with 10 knock-down targets, nine of which were obscured by no-shoot "hostages." The shooter would begin 5 yards from the target, with holstered pistol. On signal, the shooter had 2.5 seconds to draw and fire, with a 10-point penalty for late shots or shooting the hostage. Upon successful engagement, the shooter would move back an additional 5 yards, and, on the next signal, fire at the next target until 11 targets were engaged, one at a time. If successful, the shooter would engage the last target from 50 yards. The shooter had the option of beginning on either the left or right end of the target line. "Increasing Distance" dealt many a shooter an unpleasant turn.

*The Team Shoot-Off* stage, held following conclusion of the other events, is a surprise (except for basic instructions) for participants. Four team-members were driven into the shooting area, two inside the cab, and two in the bed of a pickup. As the truck turned 90 degrees to the right, the shooters in the bed, one using a shotgun, the other a pistol, could engage various nearby knock-down targets as the truck continued on to its stop point.

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO MATCH SPONSORS, DONORS AND STAFF



This year, again, it needs to be said that without your support there would not have been an *SOF* Three-Gun Match. It has been gratifying working with and drawing support from all of you. Your involvement, your commitment to this event, has been very much an act of faith.

Nearly a year ago, when you all committed your renewed support to the 1993 Three-Gun Match, the "smart money" was not betting on the survival of *SOF*, nor on our prospects of being here this year. Sustained by your loyal support, we have put the siege of lawsuits behind us, and now is a good time to reiterate that even more valued than the financial amount of your support has been the faith and loyalty that it represents.

Simply put, the *SOF* Three-Gun Match would not be possible without the corporeal support of sponsors and donors, nor without the tireless support of Match Director Michael Horne and his cadre of outstanding volunteers.

The overwhelming success of this year's match was particularly gratifying because it was dedicated to the memory of Al Mar — consummate gentleman, creative knife-maker and artist, friend of us all, and perennial Three-Gun competitor.

Our hats are off to those who made it possible.



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1. Piatt, Bruce	700.13	68. Cary, Dan	445.18	135. Ahlgren, Terry	358.74
2. Souter, Lee	648.78	69. Escandon, Carlos C.	444.74	136. Sumrell, Richard M.	356.24
3. Bridgman, David T.	620.22	70. Lashbrook, Tom	444.67	137. Hotsko, James	354.06
4. Gaines, Joe	618.58	71. Worth, Jeffrey	440.80	138. Ellsworth, Joel R.	353.39
5. Wall, Jim	611.39	72. Seaman, Charles W.	439.09	139. Dunn, Scott	353.00
6. Appel, John C.	601.35	73. Brawley, Ron	437.63	140. Consear, Allen	350.56
7. Cooley Jr., Bennie	599.60	74. Kostelic, John T.	436.61	141. Thomas, Richard C.	348.09
8. Looker, Bob	593.64	75. Cody, Tom L.	435.20	142. Vesely, Timothy	344.24
9. Cook, John	590.75	76. Mattera, John J.	433.01	143. Mitchell, John C.	342.89
10. Perritt, Thomas J.	582.39	77. Elgin, Scott	431.17	144. Dutkiewicz, Edward	341.58
11. Schleining, Randy	581.73	78. Barger, John A.	429.78	145. Wong, Tommy	338.79
12. Clark Jr., Jim	581.10	79. Powell, David M.	426.11	146. Hill, Gary J.	336.76
13. Hays, Vern	575.08	80. Erickson, James	419.86	147. Francisco, Jerry L.	334.45
14. Stoner, Matt	568.28	81. Shulda, Gordon	418.50	148. Papworth, Brett	333.71
15. Hockwitt, Mel	566.98	82. Anglemier, James A.	418.36	149. Brossia, Robert J.	330.57
16. Shio, Henry	560.93	83. Chance, Bryan J.	415.21	150. Reitan, Les	326.25
17. Gaines, Garth	556.52	84. Jones, David L.	414.07	151. Grimler, Michael R.	325.28
18. Luper, Bill	555.84	85. Novak, Wayne	413.79	152. Schneider, Bob	320.38
19. Hulet, Stephen C.	547.80	86. Votta, Walter	412.95	153. Mannino, Richard	318.56
20. Bauder, Al	547.49	87. Woods Jr., Alex P.	411.90	154. Putt, Randy	315.82
21. Guamera, Joseph	547.43	88. Waldo, William A.	411.13	155. Hoshino, Lincoln	315.14
22. Doeden, Wayne	547.11	89. Pierson, Tim	410.72	156. Maycott, George D.	311.34
23. Zaragoza, John A.	543.52	90. Finn, Edward	410.12	157. Gwozdek, Richard F.	309.26
24. Rhodes, Eddie	542.75	91. Cohen, Ken	409.42	158. Gray, Al	306.71
25. Randolph, Jim	536.83	92. Flory, William M.	407.36	159. Joyce, James	301.18
26. Hackathorn, Ken	532.27	93. Frew, Bill	405.20	160. Coulter, J.B.	300.24
27. Smith, James M.	530.06	94. Idland, Sverre	404.93	161. Adams, Dana	298.81
28. Todd, Sean David	526.83	95. Hartley, James	401.72	162. Dust, Gregory P.	297.06
29. Reed, R. Kirby	525.64	96. Lew, Stephen	401.05	163. Tolmack, Troy B.	295.43
30. Furbee, Daniel R.	520.20	97. Vaughan, Samuel E.	400.78	164. Tolley, Cathy	295.28
31. Smith, John, J.	516.95	98. Nusbaum, Roger A.	398.11	165. Beken, Robert	291.19
32. Hanson, Ernie	512.50	99. Costa, Keith M.	396.91	166. Reeder, Sonya Y.	290.58
33. Patton, Don	512.48	100. Neal, Roy A.	396.30	167. Smith, Robert E.	288.94
34. Lew, Shannon	509.91	101. Boymook, Ken L.	395.42	168. Eaton, Steve	288.92
35. Hall, Allen	509.77	102. Mannisto, Hugh	394.74	169. McAllister, Larry	288.54
36. Baird, Lawrence E.	507.04	103. Filbeck, Tom	393.21	170. Keck, David V.	286.82
37. Brown, Mark	506.51	104. Woslum, Leanne	392.49	171. McLees, Morris J.	283.66
38. Simpson, Rick	503.00	105. Stavali, Runar	390.45	172. Hersey, Fred	283.38
39. Preece, Art	501.56	106. Anderson, Carmen	388.87	173. Brunelle, Everett	282.66
40. Jenkins, Wayne	500.95	107. Takemoto, Jack	387.76	174. Heptner, Kenny	277.80
41. Wong, Joe	499.13	108. Bowen, Mike	386.11	175. Koenig, Sheila	274.71
42. Anderson, Scott E.	498.88	109. Gelfman, Jeffrey A.	383.83	176. Book, Herbert J.	272.44
43. Ming, Dennis L.	498.14	110. Taflinger, Joseph	383.77	177. Economou, Steven	272.10
44. Heckart, Allen W.	494.21	111. Daniel, Shawn R.	382.12	178. Shattock, Thomas	266.71
45. Dexter, Sean R.	493.83	112. Bravo, Eric A.	380.83	179. Keener, William	265.81
46. Nickler, Jeff	489.16	113. Lose, Tim	380.57	180. Carver, John W.	263.75
47. Bumgardner, Rich	488.87	114. Johnston, T.J.	380.11	181. Zettlemoyer, Ronald	263.33
48. Munn III, Gurnee	487.52	115. Creteau, Jim	380.03	182. Murray, Duncan	260.90
49. Joseph, Max F.	485.91	116. Bridwell, Terry	379.12	183. Wong, Alan W.	257.41
50. Kanaley, Tony	485.24	117. Simonich, Robert N.	378.83	184. Morse, Ken	257.40
51. Brown, Tim	483.61	118. Burris, William E.	377.27	185. Tobias, Jim	256.36
52. Kynoch, Dave	478.99	119. Watt, Marcus	376.49	186. Cole, H.A.	251.82
53. Fillinger, Ronald	473.08	120. Rivera, Robert L.	375.42	187. Shillig, Bill	250.71
54. Bristol, Russell D.	471.81	121. Woods, Alex P.	374.69	188. Betts, Hugh	248.57
55. Murphy, William J.	469.83	122. Chavez, Kenneth D.	374.44	189. DeFontcuberta, E.	247.68
56. Schwartz, John J.	468.42	123. Nedurian, Gregory	373.55	190. Gandianides, Mike	247.35
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58. Haughn, Neil	460.24	125. Wheeling, Wally	369.56	192. Vaughan, Beverly J.	245.71
59. Turek, Joseph A.	459.98	126. Hall, Howard M.	369.44	193. Barnett Jr., John	241.38
60. Dominquez, Salim S.	458.12	127. Rogers, Patrick A.	368.73	194. Andrews, Joe R.	240.24
61. Green, Zane R.	457.08	128. Oneto, Bradley W.	367.93	195. Finnesey, Janet	225.56
62. Reed, Paul	456.31	129. Nagashima, Ken A.	367.39	196. Maxwell-Stewart, M.	218.10
63. Boruck, Alan A.	449.81	130. Groseclos, James F.	367.12	197. Cary, Genie	217.62
64. Struke, William	448.36	131. Thorburn, Robert	360.55	198. Horey, Mark	217.01
65. Myrvang, Folke	447.06	132. Fadden, Gary	360.42	199. Sanford, Harry W.	189.01
66. Vest, Charlie	446.30	133. O'Neal, Robert	360.30	200. Hersey, Ann M.	175.78
67. Warner, Dean	445.83	134. Long, Miles	359.95	201. Alexeeva, Laura	162.58

**Big trouble sometimes** comes in small, unexpected packages. When his father bought him an antique, gold-plated police badge in late summer 1988, Louis Katona III had no idea how the gift would eventually turn his life upside down.

Of course, back then this part-time cop never could have believed that helping out with a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) investigation would lead to theft of his personal property by the feds, indictments of himself and his father on firearms charges, or to his pregnant wife's miscarriage after being roughed up by the ATF.

The ultimate architect of this miserable tragedy? Special Agent Blair Ward of the ATF's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma — the same loose cannon who wantonly wrecked the home of one John Lawmaster in December 1991 (see "Gun Gestapo," *SOF* June '92).

Our story begins innocuously enough, back when Katona's dad bought an old police badge at a gun show in Mansfield, Ohio, about 20 miles east of the Katonas' hometown of Bucyrus, which is about 50 miles due north of Columbus. The old-style badge was inscribed, "Chief — Bucyrus Police." Louis Katona II knew how his son, then a part-time Bucyrus police officer, would prize the artifact.

Problem was, Bucyrus Police Chief Joseph Beran also greatly admired the old chief's badge when the younger Katona showed it to him. As a local-history buff and avid collector of rare Title II firearms and historic police and military memorabilia, Katona had also located an old photo of the town's first police chief wearing that very badge.

"It would make a good wallet badge," Beran commented upon viewing it, Katona said.

Then the chief "became very excited and wanted it for himself," Katona recalled. "I refused to give it to him, but did offer to make a historical display of the badge with a photograph of the first chief and present it to the city. Beran would have none of this and insisted that I give him the badge for his personal use."

### Badge Brouhaha

Katona's continued refusal to give in to the chief's whimsy created more tension within a department in which officers had already sued Beran over a cornucopia of alleged improprieties. Several weeks later, Beran advised Katona of a police report indicating the badge had been stolen, adding that if it was not surrendered he would charge Katona with possession of stolen property. Beran refused to provide a copy of the alleged police report, but continued to claim the old badge had been re-

ported stolen "in either 1947, or 1972, depending on when he was telling it," Katona recalled.

Katona's attorney, James H. Jeffries III of Greensboro, North Carolina, wryly noted in a court document footnote how "the irony of Beran's threatening prosecution for possession of stolen property in order to himself obtain stolen property apparently eluded" the chief. It was probably no mystery that Louis Katona and Joe Beran would eventually clash. The two comprised a study in contrasts.

Beran is best known in Bucyrus for rarely wearing his uniform — preferring coveralls or dirty jeans and T-shirt — beer belly flopping in his lap while riding his motorcycle toward the Mad Dog or to other local taverns where he is popular with regulars. Divorced, Beran is also estranged from an adult daughter. He did not return phone

# MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE

## ATF Targets Ohio Police Officer

### by James L. Pate

Photos courtesy of Louis Katona III



Holiday photo of Katona and family, from left is Louis Katona III, his wife Kimberly, daughter Kassidy and son Louis IV.

calls from *Soldier Of Fortune* requesting an interview for this article.

Katona is a trim, clean-cut, 32-year-old church and civic leader who, with his wife Kimberly, runs a successful real estate business where both are licensed realtors. He works one day weekly as a police officer, partly out of a sense of civic duty and also to keep his Ohio law-enforcement certification current. Katona is also a corporal in the Ohio Military Reserve, a National Rifle Association-certified firearms instructor and a master diver. He and Kimberly have two healthy children, 4-year-old Louis IV and an infant daughter, Cassidy.

Tension with Beran over the antique badge became so intolerable that Katona decided to resign from the Bucyrus Police Department, where he'd also been a training officer and certified firearms instructor, on 14 September 1988. He was soon hired as a part-time officer for the town of New Washington, located about 13 miles northeast of Bucyrus.

### Into The Gun Vault

Katona's father had owned a gun shop. Early on, the son developed a love affair with shooting sports. He became an avid hunter, competitor and collector. After his 21st birthday in 1982, Katona bought his first automatic weapon, an UZI submachine gun. The law enforcement certification was signed by Crawford County Sheriff Ronny J. Shawber.

Over the next nine years, Katona's collection of automatic weapons became so extensive that he eventually had a walk-in vault built into his home's basement, wired with elaborate security and surveillance systems. Inside the vault, guns were locked in several Browning gun safes.

"In building my collection, I attempted to stress value factors, such as unusual or rare firearms, consecutive serial numbers, or new-in-the-box firearms," Katona said.

After becoming a Bucyrus auxiliary officer in April 1982, Katona became the department's firearms instructor and also taught safety, familiarization and marksmanship to his fellow troops in the Ohio Military Reserve. He also began writing articles for the gun press.

Once on the Bucyrus police force, Katona started submitting his ATF forms 1 and 4 to his then-boss, Chief Charles D. McDonald. After Beran took over in 1986, Katona got his law enforcement certifications for purchase of additional Title II firearms signed by the new chief.

"In every instance since 1986," noted attorney Jeffries, "the law enforcement certification on Katona's ATF forms was signed by Chief Beran, or at least by his designated delegate or representative — an applicant has

no way of knowing in some cases."

The unpleasant experience with Beran over the antique badge had, for the most part, been forgotten when, on 26 April 1991, Katona got a call from ATF Special Agent Lance L. Kimmell. Kimmell had been contacted by agent Ward regarding an ATF case in Oklahoma against a well-known and respected firearms dealer named William H. Fleming (see "Project Triggerlock," *SOF* Feb. '93).

Although Katona was in no way implicated in the Fleming case — indeed, Katona had never been charged with *any* crime — the agent wanted to "borrow" a 40mm Colt M203 grenade launcher that Fleming had legally sold to Katona. (Most of the eight counts on which Fleming was indicted were dropped. He was found guilty on two counts of making false statements on documents unrelated to the Katona purchase and on one count of conspiring to make a false statement. Fleming remains in business while his conviction is awaiting an appeals judgment by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado.)

After inspecting Katona's grenade launcher, Kimmell "announced that he was going to take it for use as evidence in Oklahoma, but that I would get it back," Katona recalled. Yet it was only at Katona's insistence that Kimmell "reluctantly gave me a receipt for the launcher ... I gave Kimmell a sworn statement regarding my purchase of the launcher and the correspondence and canceled check pertaining to the purchase."

Katona said Kimmell gave him agent Ward's name and the phone number of ATF's Tulsa office, advising him to contact Ward concerning return of the M203. Kimmell told him he would have the weapon back after no more than 90 days, Katona said, but three months passed without a return of the grenade launcher.

Katona called Tulsa regularly for an update. "Ward was initially polite," he noted. But on 22 April 1992, the agent "abruptly announced that I would not be getting my launcher back and that 'no one needs an M203 anyway.' I replied that the launcher was a legally registered and tax-paid firearm and that he could not just confiscate



Bucyrus, Ohio, Police Chief Joseph Beran rarely wears uniform and seldom allows himself to be photographed, according to Katona.



Firearms and history buff Louis Katona III now works for the New Washington, Ohio, police force after his former chief in Bucyrus allegedly made false statements culminating in raid by ATF.

property because of his personal views.”

“How dare you speak to me that way, you little son of a bitch,” Ward responded, according to a U.S. District Court affidavit subsequently filed by Katona. “You don’t know who you are dealing with. I am going to have some of my boys come and see you and kick your ass! You screwed up this time, boy. You’re going to wish you never heard of me!”

Contacted by *SOF* at his Tulsa office, Ward declined to confirm or deny the alleged comments, referring the author to Ward’s supervisor, Special Agent David Roberts, who also would not comment. Katona declined to confirm or deny whether he had tape-recorded his conversations with Ward.

### Nasty Welcome

True to Ward’s word, two weeks later, on 8 May 1992, an ATF raiding party led by agent Kimmell showed up at the Katonas’ real estate office in Bucyrus. Calling Katona outside, Kimmell declared he held a federal warrant to search Katona’s home. He said Katona must ride along with the agents because Katona’s car was “not working.” (Katona later discovered someone had let the air out of all four tires on his personal car.)

The agent “asked me if I was armed,” Katona said. “I said ‘yes.’ He wanted to take my off-duty arm. I asked if I was under arrest and he said no. I went back inside and told my mother to call our family attorney. Kimmell asked me what I needed an attorney for if I wasn’t guilty of anything ... I felt like it almost irritated them that I was a law enforcement officer.”

When they arrived at the house, a Bucyrus police officer — one of Katona’s former colleagues — was waiting outside. “He had no idea what was going on,” Katona told *SOF*. “He asked me what was going on. The original plan was to have no local police there.” As two unmarked vans loaded with ATF personnel circled the block, Katona, Kimmell and four ATF agents entered the home.

“It was kind of comical,” Katona recalled. “They were nervous about me opening the door. I have a pretty high-tech security system. After I got in, I wanted to read the warrant myself to make sure it was valid. Kimmell didn’t want to let me read it. He just said I didn’t need to read it and kept screaming, ‘Where’s the guns? Where’s the guns?’ He seemed really nervous. I remained calm. I’ve been on the other end of this, so I know it doesn’t help to go crazy.

“Kimmell refused to show me the warrant until I advised him that I would not deactivate the elaborate downstairs security system unless he did. He finally threw the warrant down at me and I read it at my kitchen table. He wouldn’t let me read the supporting affidavits. He snatched it out of my hand before I could get that far.”

### Police Chief’s Revenge

The search warrant was based on a sworn affidavit by Bucyrus Police Chief Beran stating he had not signed any ATF authorization forms for Katona. The affidavit alleged “that I had forged Beran’s signature to 32 ATF transfer and registration forms,” Katona said. “It was a complete and utter lie. I have never forged Beran’s signature. I did not get anyone else to forge his signature.”

Meanwhile Kimmell “kept screaming, ‘Where’s the guns?’ By that time, one agent had gone to the basement and seen this massive door to the built-in vault there,” Katona continued. “‘I think the guns may be down here,’ he yelled upstairs. I opened the vault and then opened the Browning gun safes inside. They were astounded by all the security.

“By that time, my mother and attorney had gotten in. The agents had kept them locked out for about 10 minutes. They came downstairs and our family lawyer told me I should videotape the search, so I got a camera.

“When I came back, it was clear these guys didn’t know much about these guns. They were pointing them everywhere while they tried to clear the bolts. Some of the weapons were loaded. I finally convinced them to let me clear them safely, so nobody got hurt. When they started piling them up in the middle of the floor, I got some hard cases, because many of these guns are extremely rare.

“Kimmell just looked at me and said, ‘It doesn’t matter, because you’re never going to get these guns back, no



Under Katona’s direction, Ohio lawman range-trains with 7.62x51mm M60E3 machine gun. Browning M1919A4 .30-caliber machine gun visible in background — both weapons are owned by Katona.

matter what happens.’ He went out of his way to be antagonistic,” Katona said.

Agents began photographing other items belonging to Katona. They ignored Boy Scout, police, military and competitive shooting awards and citations on display. Instead they shot pictures of such Vietnam War relics as a Russian adviser’s flag and other communist battle flags, “like they were trying to imply that I was some sort of subversive, or

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# TAILHOOK: ALL SMOKE, NO FIRE

Navy Witch-Hunt Nets No Convictions

by Michael Kitchen

Photos courtesy author



Players in the Tailhook witch-hunt celebrate after charges were dismissed against Cowden. Left to right: Cmdr. Tom Miller, Cmdr. Greg Tritt, Lt. Cmdr. Cole Cowden, Lt. Rolando Diaz, and defense attorneys Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Good (JAG) and retired Cmdr. Bob Rae.

**A tailhook is used** by naval aircraft to snag an arresting cable on the landing deck of an aircraft carrier. But it appears the much-ballyhooed "Tailhook" prosecutions will not snag a single guilty verdict. Although it has cost more than \$6 million (\$1 million more than spent by the Department of Defense on POW/MIA activity in 1992), the investigation has bolted (missed) and come around to crash into the top echelons of the DoD.

The media portrayed the Tailhook convention in Las Vegas as an annual debauchery. Sympathetic television, newspapers and magazines have presented an "innocent" Lieutenant Paula Coughlin, and others, as the brave soldiers who survived a cabal of lecherous aviators on the third floor of the Las Vegas Hilton. Not printed is that Coughlin and other women were found to be willing participants in "improper activities" as listed in the Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG) *Tailhook – Part Two* report.

Also not reported was the DODIG's improper handling of the cases. To find the most suspects and further its time in the limelight, the DODIG trampled constitutional rights of some officers and its agents bullied and threatened suspects and victims alike. In his pretrial investigation of Commander Greg Tritt's case, for example, military judge Cmdr. Larry McCullough wrote thus of statements obtained by DODIG which were used as evidence:

"... There is disturbing evidence that the DODIG investigators were heavy-handed and possibly abusive in their treatment of junior officers ... [used] questionable interrogation techniques ... specific suggestions [were] made by the investigators under coercive conditions."

In documenting cases, the DODIG used Reports of Interviews (ROIs). These are summaries of questions and answers, written up to three weeks after an interview, from agents' notes and "best recollections." Testimony has shown that these ROIs improperly concealed omissions of pertinent information, contained faulty recollections of agents

and sparse documentation. On Friday, 17 December 1993, the government characterized *Tailhook – Part Two*, which was compiled from the IG-written ROIs, as a fraud. Government counsel Lieutenant Commander Chris Morin said, “Recall that the DODIG reports of interview in many instances were never reviewed by the people who made them, very often until counsel or the court showed the documents to the witnesses. ROIs aren’t sworn statements; they’ve never been adopted by the witnesses. In fact, they’re basically hearsay statements ... There’s been testimony for both the defense and the government that in many instances the ROIs on both minor, and in some instances major, points are not the most reliable.” Remarkably, the Navy has relied heavily on these ROIs for prosecution.

Nonetheless, that report resulted in hundreds of naval aviators’ orders being canceled, changed or put on hold. It has caused the Secretary of the Navy, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, the head of the Naval Investigative Service and the admiral in charge of the Navy Inspector General to leave under a cloud. Thousands of promotions were put on hold pending further action based on the DODIG report.

### Close Shaves

A good example of one-sided government accusations coming to nothing is the case of Lt. “Ghandi” Diaz. Diaz is an E-2C Hawkeye pilot, who attended Tailhook 1990 and 1991 with the East Coast training squadron, Carrier Airborne Early Warning 120. In 1990 he performed leg shaving on women volunteers without incident. Diaz said in an interview that he shaved Paula Coughlin’s legs twice during the 1991 convention — on Friday, 6 September 1991 while she was in uniform and Saturday in civilian clothes. Diaz did not charge for his “service,” only asking customers to sign the banner that advertised the leg-shaving. Diaz said Coughlin signed the banner, “You make me see God. The Paulster.” The banner is now DODIG evidence.

If shaving legs is “conduct unbecoming an officer,” wouldn’t volunteering to have one’s legs shaved also be “conduct unbecoming?” The government sidestepped that issue by not charging Diaz with leg shaving. They found a supposed orders violation and charged him with two separate offenses. During cross-examination of IG Special Agent (SA) Patricia Call, defense attorney Robert Rae established that the DODIG, specifically, had been tasked with finding who shaved legs and who had their legs shaved. The IG’s *Tailhook Report* listed leg shaving separately under Section VIII “Other Improper Activity.” In the same section of the report it says:

“One corroborated witness reported seeing a female naval officer having her legs shaved while wearing her ‘whites.’”

Diaz said he shaved five or six female officers during the convention, but only Coughlin wore “whites.” During interrogation, with lawyer present, Diaz specifically told SA Call he had shaved Coughlin’s legs — information not included in Call’s ROI. During cross-examination by Rae, Call reluctantly admitted, “Maybe he [Diaz] did infer that he shaved Coughlin’s legs.” Clearly, the government had intended to prosecute all involved in leg shaving — but when Coughlin, the “star” witness, would have been included, they declined to notice.

Q: [Rae] Would it be fair to say that not everything that

was in your notes is in this Report of Interview?

A: [Call] *Report of Interview* is a synopsis of the interview itself, so there could possibly be things that were not stated, specific facts, that are in my notes that are not in that *Report of Interview*.

Q: That’s a yes?

A: *That’s a possible.*

Q: Okay. Now, with respect to Lt. Coughlin, did Lt. Diaz inform you that she had been one of the people whose had — who had her legs shaved?

A: *He did not —*

GOVERNMENT: Objection!

JUDGE: Noted.

Q: So, that would be a “No,” you don’t recall that statement?

A: *Could you repeat the question?*

Q: Yes. Did Lt. Diaz, during the course of that interview, inform you that Lt. Coughlin was one of the participants in leg shaving?

A: *He did not specifically say — state that Lt. Coughlin had her legs shaved.*

Q: Okay. Did that name come up during the interview to the best of your recollection?

A: *Yes, it did.*

Q: On several occasions?

A: *I recall one occasion.*

Q: And what was that occasion that you recall?

A: *It was an occasion where there was a poster that was hung in the VAW 110 suite and through the course of interviews out at Miramar it was implied that many women signed this poster after having their legs shaved. Lt. Diaz*



Defense attorney retired Cmdr. Bob Rae, left, and his partner retired Cmdr. Al Bergstrom with picture of Tailhook proceedings in background.

*viewed the poster and he said, “This could be Lt. Coughlin.” He could not specifically state she had her legs shaved.*

Q: Okay. But he did mention her getting her legs shaved or mentioned the topic of shaving legs?

A: *He did not specifically state that she had her legs shaved.*

Q: Okay. Now, we’re playing semantics here. Did you hear him say anything with regard to Lt. Coughlin may have had her legs shaved or had her legs shaved?

A: *He implied that it could be Lt. Coughlin’s name on that poster.*

Q: So, there was a discussion about her and leg shaving?

A: *There was.*

On 13 July 1993 IG agents Black and Bonner finally interviewed Coughlin — for 10 minutes — about leg shaving: She denied having her legs shaved, signing the banner, being in the VAW-110 hospitality suite or having met Diaz.

It is most doubtful that any of the male attendees underwent a 10-minute interview and said, “I did nothing wrong during Tailhook 1991.”

A prime example of someone’s name being dragged through the dirt based entirely on lies is the case of Cole V.

Cowden, an E-2C Hawkeye mission commander, charged with attempted sexual assault from the 1990 convention and sexual assault and conduct unbecoming, from 1991.

Cowden met then-Ensign Elizabeth Warnick at 1990 Tailhook, at the pool on a Friday afternoon. An hour later they were in her room having consensual sex. Warnick and Cowden admit this. Past this point, Warnick's testimony degrades into fantasy and lies.

Warnick, a 1990 Annapolis graduate, attended Tailhook in 1990 and 1991. During both conventions Warnick had her legs shaved and engaged in drinking routine "belly shots," wherein one person pours tequila in their navel, and the "drinker" sucks the booze out of the belly button. Warnick was both a drinker and drinkee. Warnick also had consensual sex with a married lieutenant commander during the 1991 convention ("Adultery" under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; she remains uncharged). When this was mentioned to the DODIG during interviews with other aviators, the IG came to investigate Warnick.

Special Agent Lindy Billings first interviewed now-Lieutenant Junior Grade Warnick on 14 October 1992. When Billings asked if she had been accosted in the "gauntlet," Warnick answered that she would not let herself get into that kind of situation again. Cross-examination by Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Good reveals the lies:

Q: [Good] Lt. Warnick, there are some things in those statements you made to the investigators that aren't true. Correct?

A: [Warnick] Yes, sir.

Q: And what is it that you told investigators on the 14th and 28th that isn't true?

A: *As I told you yesterday in our questioning, the description that I gave of the 1990 incident with Lt. Cowden is not accurate in these statements from the 14th and 28th. The description I have was embellished in that I had made an attempt to make it worse than it really was. In this statement I described myself going to that room, upon which when I entered the room, I was grabbed and blindfolded and I said in here that there were at least three people in that room. My saying that there were at least three people in the room was due in part to the investigator who was present at the second interview. She went on to tell me that based on what I had said on the 14th, she thought this was how it happened, that there had to be at least three people and I agreed. That's the major discrepancy in this report.*

Warnick said she then showered, changed, composed herself and went back to the party on the third floor, not telling or reporting the incident to anyone. She did proceed to have her legs shaved and do belly shots.

On the second day of her third interview, 17 December 1992, with SA Billings, Warnick changed her story. Warnick said she went to Cowden's room at 1900 hours. She entered the room and sat down on the bed, whereupon Cowden began to kiss her and she responded. They moved to more



DODIG Peter T. Black, left, and his boss Don Mancuso, head of Defense Criminal Investigative Services.

heated necking and she helped him take off her stockings. While they were lying on the bed she suddenly felt the presence of a "second" man. The two attempted to engage her in a "two vs. one" (fighter idiom), and for a while it "felt good" (her statement). Then she became uncomfortable, kicked Cowden off the bed and fled the room. Special Agent Billings believed this version.

Conduct unbecoming charges against Cowden relate to the 1991 convention. The IG found party pictures with Cowden's face pressed, mugging for the camera, against a woman's (clothed) breast, her hand behind his neck, apparently pushing his head down.

Inspector General Special Agent Peter Black located this woman and interviewed her in Las Vegas. The woman stated she did not consider herself a victim, or as having been assaulted. She told Black she did not want Cowden to get in trouble for the picture. Black went on to write a sworn statement, containing all the elements of sexual assault, and had her sign it. When contacted by the defense, the woman wrote her *own* sworn statement. When the prosecution read the subsequent statement, the government dropped the charge of sexual assault but kept the charge of conduct unbecoming. Special Agent Black's testimony reveals a disturbing tendency to rely on unethical investigative methods.

Marine Corps attorney Captain J.B. Jackson, in a sworn statement said DODIG agent Black told him, "there is no such thing as special trust and confidence with Marine Corps officers, they're all liars," and "the Naval Academy is where they learn to lie."

### Cross-examination Of Black By Lt. Cmdr. Good:

Q: [Good] That first statement by Ms. M., who wrote that?

A: [Black] *I did, sir.*

Q: Did she tell you that she didn't consider that an assault?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: You explained it to her that it was an assault whether or not she considered it to be an assault. Correct?

A: *That's correct, sir.*

Q: Have you read her subsequent statement that she provided?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: It's a lot different than her first statement?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: So, the statement that you wrote out constituted an assault even though the woman clearly told you that she had not been assaulted?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Now, looking at the second statement, it's pretty clear that she hasn't been assaulted. Correct?

A: *In her view, yes, sir.*

Q: Whose view is important here, the view of the victim or the view of you?

A: *Well, I would answer that question, sir, by saying that —*

Q: No, the question was whose view is important. If you're talking about an assault, a woman has been assaulted, whose view is important?

A: *In this instance, the government.*

Q: The woman doesn't have any say about this?

A: *She has a say, sir, and I reflected that in her statement.*

Q: Her statement says she didn't consent to that when



Lt. j.g. Beth Warnick, one of the accusers in the Tailhook witch-hunt, enjoys herself outside a Navy BOQ after Tailhook. We previously wondered what the editors of the Naval Academy yearbook, *The Lucky Bag*, meant when they wrote in the 1990 edition that "Beth personally kept Victoria's Secret in business," and added that "Beth could drink anyone under the table." Photos: LPA

you misled her about what consent meant.

A: *I did not mislead her, sir.*

GOVERNMENT: Objection!

JUDGE: Noted.

Q: So, here we have one statement that you wrote out that contains all the technical elements of assault. Correct?

A: *Yes, sir.*

Q: Well, you wouldn't put in her statement that she'd been assaulted if she told you she wasn't.

A: *Which is why that statement is correct and accurate.*

Q: If the statement is correct and accurate, why didn't you put in the statement that she said she did not consider herself to be assaulted?

A: *I have no answer to that.*

Q: Why didn't you put in the statement that she didn't consider herself to be a victim?

A: *No answer for that either, other than the fact that basically it wasn't relevant for her to decide that, it wasn't relevant for me to decide that. That's why we're here and that's the way I viewed it at the time was, essentially it's not up to me to make a determination whether or not someone else has been assaulted.*

Q: Now, you say it was complete and accurate, although you left out those details about how saying she wasn't assaulted?

A: *Yes.*

Q: But other than that, that was an accurate representation of your interview?

A: *Yes, sir.*

Warnick also accused a lieutenant commander of unwanted sexual advances (sexual harassment) during the 1991 convention. After SA Billings showed her his statement given under immunity, she later admitted having sex with the officer three times.

### Cross-examination Of Lt. j.g. Warnick:

Q: Anything else in that report? How about the activities with Lt. Cmdr. X?

A: *The one thing that is wrong about that description is that at that time I did not agree — or I did not tell the investigator that I had, had sex with Lt. Cmdr. X at the 1991 convention.*

Q: He [Lt. Cmdr. X] was making unwanted sexual advances on you at Tailhook '91?

A: *Yes, sir, he was.*

Q: Yet, you had sex with him?

A: *Yes, sir, I did.*

Q: And is it your testimony today that that's still true? You still felt that his advances were unwanted?

A: *Yes, sir.*

Q: I'm having a hard time understanding that. You had sex with him. Correct?

A: *Yes, sir, I did.*

Q: And yet you made allegations well after that, that his sexual advances were unwanted?

A: *Just because I had sex with him does not mean that*



*his motions toward me were not unwanted.*

Q: Why didn't you tell SA Billings that you did have sex with him?

A: *Because, again, I didn't want to — again, I was afraid of what people would think.*

Q: So, your sworn statement wasn't exactly the truth, was it?

A: *No, sir.*

Q: You lied in your sworn statement?

A: *On that question, yes, sir.*

Q: Why is it that you denied having sex with Lt. Cmdr. X? You were engaged at the time. Correct?

A: *Yes, sir, I was.*

Q: So, you're telling us that you're willing to lie in a sworn statement in order to protect your own interests. Correct?

A: *I don't think I was protecting my own interests, no, sir.*

Q: Well, you just said that you didn't want your fiancée to find out that you were having sex at Tailhook. You were protecting his interests?

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# SERBIA'S AMERIKANAC COMMANDO



Zack Novkovic (left) with Chetnik commander Slavko Aleksic (seated) and two Chetnik fighters. Despite Rasputin-like veneer, Novkovic describes Aleksic as a warm, well-liked person.

## Yank Pulls Three Combat Tours With Chetniks

by Rob Krott

Photos courtesy Zack Novkovic

**The young man** from Queens, New York, lay in the middle of a Balkan wheat field, grinding his face into the soil — riveted to the earth by a heavy barrage of Muslim automatic weapons fire. Contemplating the stark reality of his impending death, “Zack” Novkovic periodically raised his Kalashnikov to wildly fire a magazine at his ambushers. This contact on the outskirts of Kovacevic was his first taste of combat, in the first of three volunteer tours with Serb irregular forces in Bosnia.

Novkovic, 30, a typical all-American male, traveled to the Belgrade headquarters of the celebrated *Kapetan Dragan* (Captain Dragon) in May 1992. Dragan, a Serb-Australian, commands a special forces company of Bosnian-Serbs called the *Munja* (“flash” or “lightning bolt”), also known as the “Red Berets.” Dragan enjoys a good reputation among Serbs in the Krajina (Krajina Serb Republic, an area formerly held by Croatia now occupied by Serb irregular *Chetniks*). According to Zack, “He was a mystery man, this leader who appeared as if from nowhere; the Serbs were really excited by him and his dramatic military victories in the North. There was



Posters of the Australian-Serb “Kapetan Dragan,” commander of Red Beret “Munja” company were widely distributed in his AO. Photo: Rob Krott



Many Russian mercs, including Cossacks, served with Chetnik unit in Sarajevo. Note Czarist caps, Soviet uniforms, Yugo weapons. Merc in glasses is Oleg from Odessa, wounded in fight for Oriovatz and well-known in Sarajevo.

even a *Kapetan Dragan* comic book.”

Heroic figure or not, Dragan was known for leading an organized military formation with headquarters, support personnel and organic mortar support. Dragan’s Krajina volunteers included other foreigners, Italian “soldiers of fortune” and volunteers from Montenegro.

Dragan was impressed with this American who volunteered to fight for Serbia, because “volunteers make better fighters; they’re prepared to go all out.” Zack joined Dragan’s 180-man unit and deployed to Divic, a village on the Drina River near Zvornik in eastern Bosnia. Zvornik had been seized by Zeljko “Arkan” Raznatovic (see accompanying story) and his independent battalion, the Serbian Volunteer Guard, aka the “Tigers.”

Dragan put Zack and other new troops through hasty basic training, amounting to OJT at the front. Muslim guerrillas still inhabited the area, and Zack and his Serb compatriots found several weapons caches. The Muslims had prepared for a protracted guerrilla war against the Serbs in small villages like Divic and larger towns like Kovacevic.

Shortly after the Munja troops were billeted in Zvornik, at the Hotel Vindikovac, a group of Muslims infiltrated a village on the outskirts of Zvornik, killing eight Serbs. Dragan immediately sent a reaction force of three vehicles carrying 60 men. Zack was with them, carrying an M56 Yugo

submachine gun and a Romanian AK.

One of the Munja troops on the convoy knew all eight dead, including his younger brother — shot through the eye, supposedly by a Muslim childhood friend who’d called his name before shooting. Securing the village for the night, the Serbs formed three attack columns and moved out on Muslim positions outside Kovacevic at 0800 the next morning. Crossing an open field, Zack’s group was pinned down by the opening fusillade of a well-planned Muslim ambush. Zack fell where he was and began returning fire with his AK, burning off three magazines and reloading as fast as his inexperienced hands could fumble in a fresh one.

Veteran Serbs lay down suppressive fire and broke contact, going to cover while dragging three wounded. Before he knew it, the neophyte American was pinned in the kill zone. Alone. As long as he kissed dirt, the automatic weapons fire, now a crossfire including friendly fire, passed over his head. He yelled for help and was ordered to run for it. Years of competition on the soccer field paid off as he sprinted for cover — last man out of the kill zone. The Chetniks had a good laugh at their *Amerikanac Commando*. But that was okay; he’d been blooded and not found wanting.

A few days later Zack participated in his second combat in Kamenica, retaliating for Muslim attacks on a Serb village. Munja troops pushed up



Chetniks display lineup of weapons at Jewish cemetery in Sarajevo, including Yugo and Romanian AK variants, Yugo M53 GPMG — even an aging Browning M1919A4.

the side of a Muslim-held hilltop and got close to Muslim fortifications before the attack bogged down. Dragan called for reinforcements from local police troops, pushing the Muslims off the hill in a firefight with a soundtrack; throughout the fighting they could hear Middle Eastern music, “that Turkish belly-dance stuff,” blasting on a stereo. Zack spent a total of three months in Zvornik with the Munja company.

Zack came to know his hero Kapetan Dragan well, before returning to New York to participate in fund-raising activities. He would return in November, escorting a medical shipment.

### Brother Against Brother

Zack visited Vukovar on the first anniversary of the city’s capitulation to Serb forces. He was shocked by the devastation: Whole sections of town were uninhabitable. Zack returned to his unit in Zvornik to find many of his friends gone, dead or wounded. Five Serbs had died in a Serb-vs.-Serb confrontation, which was little more than a political squabble between unit commanders. The fighting had slacked off in the winter months, so Zack called it quits, returning to America again in January 1993.

Before he left, relatives in Pale, Bosnia, arranged to have Zack interviewed on television where, upset and angry at what he’d seen in the war he said, “For this so-called world tribunal coming up, it is these people who are guilty of war crimes: President Kohl, the Italian prime minister, the Hungarian government, Albanian government and the Vatican. For every Serbian child’s blood spilled they will

pay and if Clinton decides to declare war on us, the Serbs ... I am a proud American but I’m going to have to throw my American flag away and join my Serbs 100% and shoot at the U.S.A.”

Zack now says that his radical comments, fueled by his anger and frustration with the war, upset many moderate Serbs. Broadcast around the world on satellite, the interview made a big splash.

Returning home, he felt empty and worthless, as if his contributions to his ethnic homeland weren’t enough. “I didn’t know what it was, even with the combat, it felt like there was something I hadn’t done yet; I had to do something more for the Serbian people.” He returned to Serb-controlled Bosnia one more time in May 1993, staying this time for six months.

On his return “... my contact said to me, ‘I have the perfect job for you, I’m sending you to where the biggest, meanest, toughest, bravest Chetniks are: Sarajevo ... you’re going to work for *Vojvoda* (“Duke” — a Serb royalist military rank) Slavko Aleksic.’ ” Zack was excited. Aleksic had a great reputation in Sarajevo and in Serb-Bosnia, being considered a “savior of the Serb people.” There was a saying, “God gave a gift to the people of Sarajevo — his name is Aleksic.”

### Chetnik Chieftain

When Zack arrived he was greeted by a mean-looking Chetnik wearing the traditional *subara* hat with the double-headed eagle badge of the Serb monarchy and World War II jackboots, and armed with a knife, bayonet and

Kalashnikov. He had a beard from his eyes to his chest. It was the *vojvoda* himself, the 37-year-old commander of Serb royalist Chetniks in Sarajevo, a man described by Zack as “... despite his menacing looks, the warmest guy with a great sense of humor, a charismatic hero beloved by the women and children.” Zack spent the next six months as Aleksic’s personal bodyguard and aide.

The Chetniks were responsible for holding the Serb’s defensive linchpin — one of the hottest combat spots in Sarajevo — the Jewish cemetery, from which they controlled the heights above Sarajevo: Without this key terrain their positions in Sarajevo were untenable.

Duty in Sarajevo was rough. Zack was under constant sniper fire and frequent artillery, rocket and mortar attacks. “The damn rockets were the



Zack Novkovic (in black sweater) and Montenegrins serving with Dragan’s Red Beret troops in Serbian Krajina Republic.

worst. You could hear them *whizz-whoosh* in and they sent shrapnel everywhere; we lost a lot of guys to the rockets. That sound still scares the hell out of me.” Besides the danger and Spartan living, hunger was their chief concern. “There was never enough food. I mean, like, no food. Sometimes it was really rough being tired and weak all the time. I got so tired of brown beans. Every month we got a small ration of flour and one can of tuna and two small cans of mackerel.” They were paid about \$8 U.S. a month. Zack, already slightly built at 150 pounds, lost 25 pounds in Sarajevo.

The Chetniks are historically the Serb royalist army from a time before

traditional standing armies. Aleksic's unit had 300 to 350 men (with about 100 manning the defenses at the Jewish cemetery), including 25 Russians. Some Russians were Afghanistan vets with a particular hatred of Muslims. Some were Czarist Cossacks seeking adventure. Many Russians were fresh from fighting in Moldova or Georgia and most had no intention of leaving Serbia — they intended to bring their families and settle there, using their new Serb passports and military records to gain a better life. Russians Zack served with were amazed at meeting an American. Zack considered the Russians tough and reliable fighters, oftentimes more enthusiastic about combat than their Serb comrades. There were also five Greek and two Bulgarian volunteers with Aleksic's Chetniks.

### Battle For Mount Igman

Their biggest operation was the battle for Trnovo and Mount Igman, a large coordinated operation of massed Serb forces with units coming in from all over Bosnia. Knowing there would be many casualties, with the Chetniks in the thick of it, Aleksic wanted Zack to leave — he didn't want an American killed. Zack refused, saying he knew Sarajevo was no vacation spot to begin with.

"The whole operation lasted roughly a month, from mid-July through August and it [Mount Igman] was a bitch to take. To get Trnovo we first had to take Orlovac. The Serb-Bosnia army commanders gave the job to Aleksic because his Chetniks operated as a kind of 'shock-troop' unit. Aleksic used some great psychological operations. He had us fire off a magazine and then take turns taunting the Muslims. The young guys were the best saying, 'Don't worry Musliman, we are good Chetniks — we won't cut you up,' and 'hurry up and leave, we're on our way to Trnovo,' followed by the *Afghansty* who were really wound up and yelling for revenge for all their old battles with the Muslims in Afghanistan."

Aleksic's Chetniks took Orlovac without a shot beyond that first magazine. "You could see the Muslims just bugged out. Steam was still rising from hot food on the stove and they left enough ammunition for us for three months. When we looked down from Orlovac into Trnovo we could see

people on the road, leaving. Trnovo was a cakewalk. With Orlovac gone they had no choice but to withdraw." The rest of the Serb forces moved to positions on the Chetniks' flanks in preparation for the assault on Mount Igman. The Chetniks had managed to take Orlovac and Trnovo without the tank and artillery support promised them by high command. "The high command gave us the center to attack and it was because of politics: They were hoping we would get wiped out in the attack."

Days before, Serb commander General Ratko Mladic had visited Chetnik positions after their successful assault on Orlovac and Trnovo. As was his SOP, once his unit took a town Aleksic moved to nearby woods, foregoing urban billets as "soft" (and dangerous if retreating enemy had preregistered artillery on their old positions). "Mladic came in the camp and instead of congratulating us started yelling 'I want everyone to shave his beard and get a haircut. *No more of these subaras ...*'"

He grabbed the Chetnik death's head flag with their motto — *Sloboda ili Smrt* (Freedom or Death) — and left. This infuriated the Chetniks and Aleksic blocked the road out. Zack was there when, "he told Mladic to give back the flag or he wasn't getting out of our perimeter alive. That really pissed Mladic off. Obviously. So he thought he'd pull a fast one and send us in against Mount Igman to get wasted. He promised artillery support and we never got it. He almost got his wish. We were lucky that day."

The Serb royalist Chetniks attacked in early morning, with Aleksic leading from the front as usual. Zack was nearby. The Chetniks moved out from Trnovo and despite the lack of promised artillery support, continued the assault. "We moved down this small hill sloping down to the base of Mount Igman. At the base of the hill was this large ditch we would have to negotiate. The Muslims hit us too soon — another 50 meters and the unit would've been split up trying to get

across that ditch. Aleksic went down wounded in the first burst."

The Chetniks, Zack among them, returned fire and attempted to advance up the back slope, the "hot" ascent of Mount Igman. Supporting units remained out of the fight while the Chetniks took a beating ... Mladic was getting his payback. Aleksic was badly wounded and Zack wanted to break off and withdraw for fear he'd die



Zack found Vukovar still in rubble a year after it had fallen to Serb irregular forces in vicious house-to-house fighting. Graffiti on wall is Chetnik motto "Freedom or Death."

without immediate evacuation.

The Chetniks continued to fight, losses mounting. With no support and faced with annihilation they began to withdraw, dragging their wounded. "Guys were running forward under fire to pick up the wounded while we were trying to get out of there. There were a lot of heroes that day ... the Muslims were kicking our asses and we knew it. Then some idiot opened up with a three-barrelled 20mm anti-aircraft gun.

### Friendly Fire

"Instead of working over the Muslim positions for us, the rounds were falling short, hitting some of our guys and pinning the rest of us down for the Muslims to shoot. We were getting it from the back and the front." Zack narrowly survived the fiasco of that first assault on Mount Igman. Reserve units rushed forward to hold ground taken by the Chetniks. Serb forces made several concerted attacks on Mount Igman later, with the Chetniks going back into the fight. Serb forces took nearly 80% of the high ground before UNPROFOR and Serb negotiations halted the advance.

Duty was good during the Mount Igman offensive. There were plenty

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Sentiments run deep in Balkans: Serbian poster portrays former friends and neighbors as ignoble enemies.



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## Arkan And His Tigers — From

“We have a Serbian dream!” shouted Zeljko Raznatovic, 40, of the Serbian Unity Party. Dressed in a double-breasted suit instead of his usual camouflage uniform, he stood in front of several thousand cheering supporters in Pancevo, Yugoslavia, on 22 November 1993, campaigning for the Serb Parliament. “We are fighting for our faith, the Serbian Orthodox Church. We are fighting for a united Serbian state. This party will believe in God and Serbia,” he proclaimed.

His campaign posters bear the name “Arkan,” his *nom de guerre*, believed to have been selected from one of his many criminal aliases. Aside from being a rising star in Yugoslav politics, Arkan is also commander of the Serbian Volunteer Guard, also known as the “Tigers” or the “Arkan Commando,” formed from a hardcore nucleus of Serb soccer hooligans.

His unit fought in the Krajina, a region formerly belonging to Croatia and now occupied (or liberated, depending on whether you’re a Croat or Serb) by irregular Serb militias, some under Arkan’s command. Although militarily effective for an ad hoc corps, his units were accused of war crimes after the fall of Vukovar.

With the help of many of Belgrade’s most scurrilous underworld inhabitants, Arkan and his men literally took Vukovar apart piece by piece. In what could best be described as the most methodical looting and pillaging operation since Hermann Goering stripped France of her art treasures, Arkan’s soldiers spent days in a house-to-house search for VCRs, furniture, money, jewelry, televisions, sinks, kitchen cabinets, copper piping, and wiring. The Tigers even had flatbed trucks brought in from Serbia to cart away the hundreds of cars left by Vukovar’s population. Raznatovic and a few JNA generals later escorted the world’s press through the ruins of the city on a victory tour.

Mutilated bodies, with heads hacked open by axes and eyes gouged out, were shown off as victims of “Croatian fascism.” Afterward, when everyone’s appetite was well-whetted, journalists and soldiers alike were invited to a white-tablecloth luncheon at what had been Vukovar’s premiere address, the Hotel Dunav. The white-bricked, one-time luxury hotel was, by then, nothing more than a hulking pile of pulverized mortar and concrete.

Arkan’s Tigers were kept busy during the 87-day siege of this once picturesque Danube River manufacturing city, but it wasn’t until mopping-up operations were completed that the real fun began.

Montenegrin by birth, and the son of a Yugo air force colonel, Arkan has trod a colorful — at least — path

into the Yugoslavian political limelight. He is wanted by Interpol for murder and bank robberies committed throughout Europe over the past 20 years. Raznatovic is also wanted for his escape from a Swedish courtroom during a shoot-out with the police. He is a well-known organized crime boss and black market racketeer, whose rackets are made light of on national TV programs, and whose illegitimate wealth is cheered by a populace hard under the heel of an international embargo. Ostensibly the operator of an ice-cream parlor, the war and ensuing sanctions have made this black marketeer one of the richest men in Serbia, known locally as a Robin Hood who hands out DM 100 (\$65 U.S.) notes as tips.

According to published accounts in his homeland, and stories he has told

himself, he was an assassin for the secret police in the former Yugoslavia. In fact, it was the secret police who shielded Arkan after he wounded one local police officer and handcuffed another when they came to inquire about a bank holdup in Zagreb. At first glance a seemingly unlikely candidate, Arkan’s foray into politics has been facilitated not only by his contacts within the secret police, but by his status as one of the most zealous fans of Red Star, the Belgrade soccer club.

The Red Star stadium had long been a hangout of the capital’s political and military insiders, including the man believed to be Arkan’s patron, Radmilo Bogdanovic, former interior minister and presently a behind-the-scenes power in the



Although bizarre to Americans used to officials turning criminal only after elections, being wanted by Interpol for murders, bank robberies and jailbreaks, being known at home as a major black marketeer and being cited by foreign officials as target of possible war-crimes tribunal has apparently not hurt Arkan’s political viability. Shown on cover with “Tiger” militia, here Arkan waves to supporters at Serbian Unity Party rally in Pancevo. Photo: Reuters/Bettmann

# AW M E R C

## Prison To Penthouse

by Rob Krott

Milosevic secret police. Arkan, owner of a flashy house across the street from the stadium, was engaged to head up a fan club, whose purpose was to channel the fans' political energy.

When Yugoslavia started to fall apart, Arkan's organized soccer hooligans became the cadre of his Tiger militia, widely reported at home and abroad to have methodically pillaged Croatian and Muslim areas as they fell to the Serbs. Then-Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger stated Zeljko Raznatovic (pronounced ZHELL-koh raz-NOT-oh-vitch) should face a war-crimes tribunal for the killings or forcible expulsion of thousands of civilians in Bosnia.

With his proclivity for violence and friends in high places of like mind, it is not surprising to find a man like Arkan successfully muscling his way up to be kingpin of the rackets and black market, or becoming a warlord whose "Tiger" militias led the rest in looting and slaughtering in Croatia and Bosnia. But even in the Balkans, it gives one pause to see such a man become a viable — even ascendant — political star.

Arkan's folk-hero status and the blind eye supporters give to his crimes may well be linked to the Balkan historical mythology of the Dinaric alpine *hajduk* (HAY-duke) or mountain



Arkan's Tiger "Commando" kicks bodies of unarmed Muslims (two women, one man) after killing them on street in Bijeljina, Bosnia, during operation there in April 1992. Award-winning photo was taken on ops with Serbs, when they thought photographer was sequestered in building. Photo: Ron Haviv/SABA

bandit; a mythological background cited by some historians and anthropologists as having a bearing on the brutal nature of past and present Balkan conflicts. During World War II the Serb Royalists (chetniks), Tito's communist partisans, and the Croatian right-wing *Ustashe* all contained large numbers of Balkan mountain people. Serbs celebrate their history as the hardy mountain warrior fighting the oppressor, remembering their 500-year battle against Turkish invaders and invoking the Battle of Kosovo, the epic 1389 defeat by the Turks that is the Serb's version of Thermopoleae, Masada, the Alamo and Custer's Last Stand, all rolled into one.

Raznatovic appears fond of referring to Kosovo as he melodramatically parades in front of his troops, lecturing them on Serb nationalism while they stand at attention. His pro-

paganda calendars show his men wearing black ski masks, while only Arkan, holding a submachine gun and the unit's mascot tiger cub, is recognizable. As any proper warlord, only he is *the man*; and as any proper warlord he is only doing what he does for God and country — even though the patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church has

characterized the atrocities committed by such militias as something which would "shame the Devil himself."

Arkan's ethnic appeal to the Serbian majority is quite blunt. Referring to the Croatian, Hungarian and Albanian minorities, he told his cheering followers at the Pancevo rally, "We are all Serbs here. Those who look to Zagreb, to Budapest, to Tiranë can pack their suitcases."

A Carnegie Endowment report on the Balkan fighting of 1912-1913 described the nature of the fighting as designed to bring about "the complete extermination of an alien population." That is probably true — and in the Balkans "alien" is a rather loose term. During World War II when there was a three-way contest between the Ger-

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**EXCLUSIVE**

# THE DEFINITIVE SNIPING RIFLE

**Accuracy  
International's  
Incredible  
AW/AWP**

**by Peter G. Kokalis**

**Photos courtesy  
Accuracy International Ltd.**



Sound suppressed AWS version of the AW sniper rifle was designed for covert and counterterrorist operations and uses subsonic ammunition that is effective out to ranges of 300 meters.

**Soldiers, usually expert** shots operating from concealment, who pick off individual enemy targets, have, since the late 18th century, been called snipers in the British army. The word "snipe" is derived from the Middle English "snype," probably of Scandinavian origin.

During the Civil War, both Union and Confederate troops employed large-caliber percussion rifles, weighing up to 40 pounds and often equipped with scopes of high magnification and limited field of view, to record kills at distances considered incredible even by today's standards. They were called "sharpshooters."

Over the last decade the term "sniping" has taken on a sinister tone with definite terrorist, or at least criminal implications. As a consequence, it is now fashionable to refer to law enforcement personnel equipped with scoped rifles as "countersnipers" or by the even more politically correct term, "selected marksmen." This tautological silliness aside, rifles with optical sights permit trained police marksmen to obtain the precise target discrimination so often required in hostage situations. Countersnipers are commonly an integral component in the composition of law enforcement special reaction teams.

Despite their successful deployment by both sides during World War II, with the advent of the Cold



War and the tactical concept of "fire and movement" and the fast-moving armored warfare that was anticipated in central Europe, interest in military sniping declined sharply. However, by the mid-1970s the experience of Vietnam and other low-intensity conflicts encouraged renewed interest in sniping.

A police selected marksman is not the equivalent of a military sniper. A sniper on the battlefield has three equally significant roles. They are: 1) to kill selected enemy, such as commanders, snipers, weapons crews, helicopter crews and special operations personnel at ranges from 300 to 600 meters; 2) to provide harassment fire up to about 1,000 meters intended to damage equipment and inhibit enemy troop movement; and, 3) to observe and report information about enemy troop and vehicle movements and to sometimes act as forward observers to direct mortar and artillery fire and tactical air support.

The modern military sniper will often be equipped with night vision



a design team who formulated two lists. One list comprised all of the failings of current designs, while the other outlined all of the desired features — which included user friendliness, ease of maintenance, first-shot hit capability, total and long-lived reliability, interchangeability of sights without loss of zero, durability, and safety and interchangeability of all components without use of special tools or gunsmithing techniques.

After a competitive evaluation, Accuracy International was awarded a contract to supply 1,238 rifles to the British armed forces in 1984.

The special forces and police version was known as the PM (Precision Magazine). As adopted by the Ministry of Defense (MoD), with emergency iron sights, a flash hider and different optical system, the rifle's nomenclature was L96. Export sales of these rifles to infantry, special operations groups and police — including sound-suppressed versions optimized for covert and counterterrorist operations which use subsonic ammunition at ranges out to 300 meters — in 19 other countries brought the total sales

Adopted by the Swedish, Belgian, Irish, New Zealand, Canadian and Omani armies and the police agencies and special operations groups from numerous other countries, the AW rifle is the ultimate military bolt-action sniper weapon system.

Photo: Peter G. Kokalis

equipment, a laser rangefinder, IR laser aiming module, communications gear, a thermal imaging device and a navigation system in addition to his rifle and optical sight. These latter are most important and should be of the highest possible quality and accuracy potential.

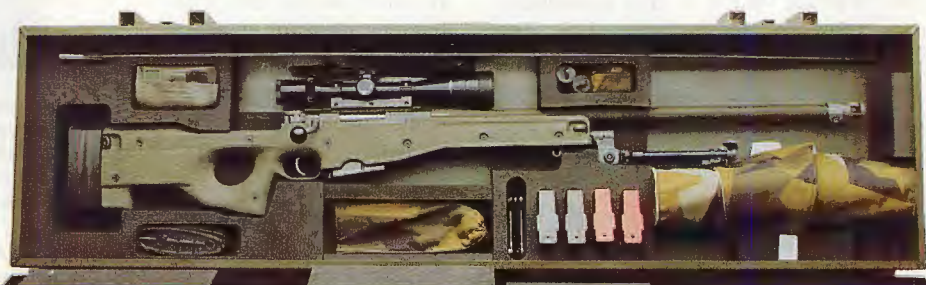
### Cooper's Mission

In 1982 Malcolm Cooper was requested by the British special force community to design a new sniper rifle. Cooper's credentials in the area of competitive rifle shooting, in which he participated from 1962 to 1991, are impeccable. A member of the British national team from 1970 to 1991, Cooper has 156 international medals, which include two Olympic gold medals, eight world championships and

12 world records. Trained as an engineer, he started Accuracy International in 1978 and involved himself in various activities within the firearms industry, including development of a match rifle for international competition.

Recognizing early on that the British special forces community did not have specialist support in this area and that neither his target rifle nor any other rifle available at that time could meet the Mission Essential Need Statement (MENS), Cooper sat down with

Metal carrying case contains complete AW sniper weapon system which, in addition to the scoped rifle with bipod, includes: cleaning equipment, muzzle caps, emergency sights, scope/action cover, wrenches, spare magazines and ballistite magazines.





AWP, the law enforcement version of the AW series, has a 24-inch, match-grade, stainless steel barrel and is shown here equipped with the Schmidt & Bender variable power PM3-12Vx50M scope.

to 2,000 units. Production of the PM and L96 ceased in 1990 when the second generation AW (Arctic Warfare) rifle was introduced.

In 1983 the Swedish MoD invited nine small arms manufacturers to participate in a test and evaluation process intended to provide the Swedish armed forces with a sniper weapon system. Since the Swedish army did not have snipers at that time, the selection and evaluation of both equipment and operational concepts, drawing largely upon the experience of the British army and USMC, took seven years.

In 1990, a contract was awarded to Accuracy International for 1,105 AW rifles, which are designated the PSG 90 by Sweden. Subsequent orders from the Belgian, Irish, New Zealand, Canadian and Omani armies and several police agencies and special operations groups from half a dozen countries have brought the total produced to more than 3,000.

### NATO Approved

*Soldier Of Fortune* was provided with both an AW rifle and its law enforcement variant, the AWP (Arctic Warfare Police — first introduced in 1993), by the exclusive U.S. distributor, Gunsite Training Center Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 700, Paulden, AZ 86334; phone: 602-636-4565, fax: 602-636-1236) for an extensive test and evaluation.

All of the Accuracy International series rifles are fully NATO certified. Chambered for the 7.62x51mm NATO

cartridge, the AW rifle weighs about 14.3 pounds (6.5kg), empty, but with bipod, scope and magazine. The overall length is 46.4 inches (1,179mm) with 1.2 inches (30mm) of spacers. Also provided are 10mm and 40mm spacers to adjust the length of pull to suit the user. The six-groove barrel measures 26.5 inches (673mm) with muzzle brake and is available with user-specified twist rates (1:10" or 1:12"). Its muzzle brake/flash hider has an integral mount for an emergency front sight. It is commonly referred to as the "green rifle" because the barrel and receiver have been finished with a green epoxy paint and the structural-filled nylon stock furniture is also green in color.

The stock is a chassis system based on bench-rest rail gun technology. In other words, this rifle has an aluminum-alloy frame, or chassis, to which the other components are attached. The two-piece, thumb-hole-type stock panels are made from reinforced nylon produced on a huge injection-molding ma-

chine and are present only to make the rifle ergonomically acceptable. They are held together by eight allen-head screws and washers.

The massive action body is bolted and epoxy-bonded to the frame. This completely removes any interface between the action body and the stock panels, while greatly increasing the moment of inertia (or stiffness) of the barrel support system. This system also permits the stainless steel barrel to be totally free-floating.

The three-lug bolt locks into a ring which is sandwiched between a shoulder in the receiver and the end of the barrel. This ring has been designed to take up all of the wear, so that when the headspace becomes excessive, only the ring needs to be replaced to bring the headspace back to normal. This should not be necessary until more than 15,000 rounds have been



Right side view of AW sniper rifle. Bolt lift upon opening is only 60 degrees. Total bolt throw is 4.2 inches, which allows the operator to maintain his cheek-weld on the stock while manipulating the bolt and thus observe the target during reloading.

Left side view of the AW sniper rifle with Hensoldt "Sight 90" fixed power 10x42mm scope.



AWP rifle with its heavy match barrel, Leupold Mark 4 M3-10X scope and Federal 308M ammunition will consistently shoot sub-1/2 MOA groups.

fired (perhaps two barrel changes).

All of the lock-up system — the barrel spigot (threaded portion of the barrel), case-head protrusion, locking ring, and action and bolt bodies — on Accuracy International rifles are held to very tight tolerances, which permit complete interchangeability between bolts and barrels without the need for “breeching” to get the correct headspace.

The bolt’s three forward lugs are supplemented by an emergency fourth lug at the bolt handle. Bolt lift upon opening is 60 degrees (as compared to 90 degrees on a ’98 Mauser action). Total bolt throw is 4.2 inches (107mm), which allows the operator to maintain his cheek-weld on the stock while manipulating the bolt, and thus observe the target during reloading.

A large extractor, which is reminiscent of that found on the Austrian Steyr SSG rifle and gets its strength from its length rather than an auxiliary coil spring, and the spring-loaded “plunger” or “bump” type ejector were designed for covert bolt manipulation. No matter how slowly the bolt is operated, the empty case will still clear the action.

The receiver is milled from solid barstock, working off the bolt-way hole. An integral, proprietary sight rail has been milled into the top of the receiver. Gas protection is offered by

minimum action cuts and tight tolerances. Gas ports are away from the shooter’s face.

A Winchester-style safety is mounted on the right side of the bolt shroud and is designed as an anti-freeze, anti-dirt mechanism. In the rearward position, the safety catch withdraws the firing pin and locks the bolt in its closed position, thus ensuring safety during airborne operations. When pushed forward into the middle position, the bolt can be manipulated to withdraw a round from the chamber, but the trigger remains blocked. Push the serrated knob all the way forward to fire the rifle.

### Cocking Piece

The cocking piece is also close to that of the Winchester Model 70. The firing pin extends past the shroud. In this manner it serves as both a cocking indicator and a measuring device for firing pin lift. This is the distance the firing pin is pulled to the rear by the cocking piece. The ease with which the safety can be manipulated is a function of the firing pin lift. The bolt’s gas protection is by shroud deflection. The firing pin cannot protrude until the bolt is fully closed. Grooves on the bolt body serve a dual purpose of lightening the bolt and providing an area for the accumulation of debris.

Removal of the cocking piece and

spring-loaded firing pin from the bolt body is quite simple. With the bolt cocked and the safety lever set to “half safe,” just depress the spring-loaded bolt location pin on the inner edge of the shroud and rotate the shroud clockwise until this subassembly can be separated from the bolt body.

The antifreeze and anti-dirt trigger mechanism is of the two-stage type familiar to U.S. military high-power shooters. The trigger pull weight can be adjusted to between 3.5 and 4.4 pounds. *SOF*’s test specimens were set to the lowest pull weight.

Sniper rifles should be equipped with a bipod, and the Accuracy International series are all provided with the very best — a modified, quick-detachable Parker Hale LM6 model. This is nothing more nor less than a scaled-down version of the excellent Bren LMG MkI bipod. Its adjustable legs permit the command height (the distance from the ground to the center line of the barrel’s axis) to be varied from 8.5 to 12 inches. The head can be swiveled and canted approximately 15 degrees in either direction without altering the leg position. The bipod attaches to a spigot in the front of the stock panels that has a spring-loaded, heavy-duty catch/release.

There are five sling attachment points on the rifle: two at the butt end (right and left sides) and three up front



Leupold Mark 4 M3-10X scope was developed for the U.S. Navy SEALs and is used on the U.S. Army's M24 sniper weapon system.

elevation knob is calibrated for NATO military ball ammunition and is rendered in meters. There are +/- 13 clicks of windage adjustment available. Both knobs provide .2 Mil Rad clicks which means that one click provides 2 centimeters of adjustment at 100 meters. This is a high-quality optical sight.

Three equally high-quality Schmidt & Bender scopes are also available: the fixed power PM10x42M and PM6x42M, and the variable power PM3-12Vx50M. This latter scope has a fixed-position reticle pattern with the result that, while there is no change in the point of impact throughout the range of power settings, the reticle gets bigger as you power up.

Accuracy International mounts, fabricated from aluminum-alloy, are available with either 1-inch or 30mm rings. The mount slides onto the receiver's

(left, right and bottom). The olive-drab (AW) or black (AWP) nylon webb sling is 1.5 inches wide and has spring-loaded steel hooks on each end for attachment to the stock's sling points. This sling has enough nylon buckles and brass loops to serve as either a carrying or shooting support sling. In addition, there is a competition-type, adjustable, aluminum-alloy hand-stop with a sixth sling point on the underside of the stock's forearm area that moves in a slot on an aluminum assembly containing the three front sling points and the bipod's spigot.

Detachable box magazines are another essential of a successful sniper weapon system. Both the AW and AWP rifles are equipped with 10-round, staggered-column detachable box-type magazines with steel, phosphated bodies and floorplates, and plastic followers. A ballistite (blank cartridge) magazine is also available. It can be identified by the floorplate, which has been painted red, and by the red plastic follower which will accept only blank rounds.

Other accessories include a set of seven different-sized allen-head wrenches — used to disassemble almost every component on the rifle — a rubber muzzle cap and lens cleaning equipment. Two different types of cleaning rods are available: a Parker Hale, single-piece, plastic-coated rod with a chamber guide and both a jag tip and bronze bore brush; or a military-type, six-piece, sectioned steel rod with an eyelet tip and bore brush — all in a camouflage-pattern cloth bag. While a chamber guide is important for cleaning precision rifles, I do not like jag tips and I feel that abrasive

material can embed itself in plastic-coated rods.

An action/scope cover is also provided with the AW rifle. As it is Swedish army-issue, it is reversible with a Swedish camouflage-pattern cloth on one side and white plastic on the other. A foam rubber housing inside the cover protects the scope from damage. The allen-wrench set, jag tip and bore brush are housed inside an olive-drab plastic box that contains two extra-long screws for the buttplate extensions and a small bottle of Break Free CLP. I would discard the latter, because unless it is shaken continuously, its lubricating Teflon beads will settle to the bottom of the dispenser bottle. All of this, including a box of Parker Hale bore patches and the rifle with its scope, can be stored in an olive-drab, heavy-gauge, aluminum carrying case with steel furniture. A black foam strip around the inside edge of the case's lid gives rain protection, but it is not completely waterproof.

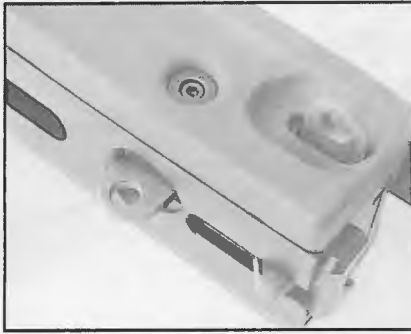
### Heart And Soul

If the heart of any SWS is the rifle itself and its inherent accuracy potential, then its soul must certainly be the optical sight with which it is equipped. Both the AW and AWP rifles are available with a wide array of excellent glass.

The AW rifle supplied to us for test and evaluation was fitted with a Hensoldt "Sight 90" fixed power 10x42mm scope, housed in a 1-inch tube. It has a 3/4-minute Mil Dot reticle pattern that is tritium-illuminated for night shooting. The focusing ocular has +/- 1 diopter adjustment forward of the focusing ring. The bullet drop compensator (BDC) on the



For those who operate in a confined urban environment, the Leupold Vari-X III 3.5X10 Tactical variable power scope is an excellent choice.



Two of the three front sling points on the AW/AWP rifles: right side and bottom.

integral grooves and is held in place by three allen-head screws.

As the AW rifle is essentially a military sniper system, it is provided with emergency iron sights. The front sight assembly bolts directly to the muzzle brake housing. The round front post, adjustable for elevation zero only, rests in a machined aluminum alloy block with protective ears.

There are two types of emergency rear sights. The one provided with the Swedish contract PSG 90 is a rather bulky, rotating disc aperture-type with apertures for elevations from 200 to 600 meters in 100-meter increments. It is adjustable for windage zero only. These sights can be pre-zeroed and either stored in the pouch provided or left on the rifle. However, if the scope's position has to be adjusted so the operator can acquire a proper cheek-weld on the stock within the eye-relief parameters provided by the scope design, this latter option is precluded, at least with regard to the rear sight.

The emergency rear sight provided for the Belgian army contract is a flip-up aperture-type with a single aperture intended for use as a defensive battle sight at ranges from zero to 400 meters only.

All of this is more than a little interesting, but it bears small relevance to U.S. law enforcement personnel and American shooters in general. The AW's long range capability (800 meters or more) is a consequence not only of its long and lightweight barrel but of the fact that the internal barrel configuration has been designed to optimize the performance of European 7.62x51mm NATO ammunition, which has a Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) with enhanced ballistic shape and higher muzzle velocity than Federal 308M. With match-grade sniper ammunition, this rifle is guaranteed to

shoot 3/4 MOA groups.

Trials have commenced in the United Kingdom to develop "sniper-grade" ammunition that conforms to NATO specifications but has improved, external ballistics enabling supersonic flight out to 1,100 meters. This would advance the effective supersonic range of the 7.62x51mm NATO cartridge by about 300 meters. There is also a project now in Sweden to develop a sabot round for the AW rifle that will increase hit probability at ranges of 1,000 meters or more.

However, the AWP rifle has a chamber throat and leade optimized for the Federal 308M cartridge that features the superb Sierra 168-grain



Parker Hale LM6 bipod is a scaled-down version of the excellent Bren LMG Mkl bipod.

BTHP Matchking bullet. Developed for 300-meter shooting in international matches, this remarkable Boat-Tail Hollow-Point bullet has been winning competitions ever since it was intro-

duced in 1959. It was used by the gold medal winner in the 1968 Olympics and set a new Wimbledon record at 200-15 X's in 1983 at Camp Perry. It remains far and away the most popular bullet among law-enforcement selected marksmen in the United States.

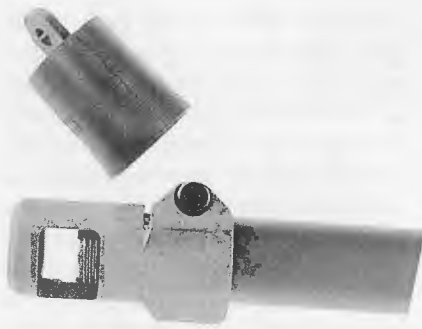
The AWP's six-groove, 24-inch (610mm), heavy, match-grade stainless steel barrel is connected to the receiver via a large-diameter, long-threaded portion at the chamber end. This permits low torquing values to be used on the barrel. This, in turn, eliminates any possibility of stress being transferred to the barrel, which could compromise the first shot hit probability. No muzzle device is fitted to the AWP barrel. To protect it from damage, the barrel crown has been countersunk. A deep, inverted muzzle crown of this type is an important feature on a precision rifle. If the muzzle is not completely squared, propellant gases will escape prematurely and tip the projectile's base as it departs from the muzzle.

AWP barrels are currently manufactured by two well-known barrel makers: Neville Madden of Maddco Arms, Australia, who apprenticed under Pat McMillan in the early 1970s; and Jeff Kolbe of Border Barrels, Scotland. Kolbe barrels were fitted to the majority of rifles on the winning British Palma Match team in 1992 at Raton, New Mexico. Maddco barrels are button-rifled and Border barrels



AW/AWP's bolt has three forward lugs. Removal of the cocking piece and spring-loaded firing pin from the bolt body is quite simple. Note lightening grooves on bolt body which also provide an area for the accumulation of debris.





AW muzzle brake with muzzle cap. Brake assembly holds emergency front sight.

are fabricated by the cut rifling process. These barrels are guaranteed to deliver sub 1/2 MOA accuracy. They increase the weight of the system to about 15.5 pounds (7kg), empty, but complete with scope, bipod and magazine. Overall length of this rifle is 43.88 inches (1,114mm).

There are only a few other differences between the AW and AWP rifles. AWP stock panels and the barreled action are colored black. A multi-adjustable buttplate for shooting from the awkward positions often required of urban police selected marksmen is also available for the AWP, as is an adjustable hand-stop and optional bipod fitting for more height or for parapet shooting. An alternative chambering, .243 Winchester, can also be provided.

In Europe, the AWP rifle is usually fitted with the Schmidt & Bender variable power PM3-12Vx50M scope. However, in the United States the Leupold (Leupold & Stevens, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 688, Beaverton, OR 97075; phone: 503-646-9171, fax: 503-526-1475) Mark 4 series reigns supreme with police agencies and within the special operations community. Justifiably so, as this is the flagship in Leupold's

product line and represents the highest possible milspec quality in a production series optical sight.

All Mark 4 scopes feature 30mm diameter main tubes which are machined from a solid piece of 6061-T aircraft aluminum. A 30mm tube with a one-eighth-inch wall thickness still has almost 30% more cross-sectional area inside the tube than most 1-inch tubes with their much thinner walls. Once this additional area is available, the erector tube inside the scope body (which carries all lenses except the



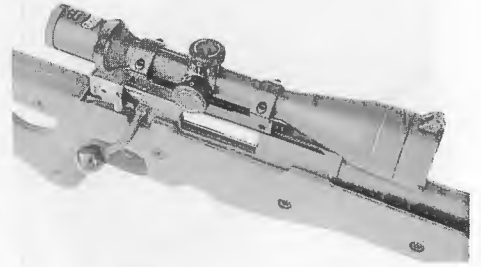
Two-piece, thumb-hole-type stock panels are made from reinforced nylon and are held together by allen-head screws and washers.

ocular and objective lenses) and its lenses can be increased in size to transmit more light and thus yield greater resolution and a brighter image. Furthermore, this heavy 30mm housing is more shock-resistant than any 1-inch tube.

All lenses are coated on all internal and external surfaces with Multicoat 4, Leupold's exclusive multicoating process. This, in addition to a computer-designed optical system, results in edge-to-edge sharpness, precise resolution, minimal distortion and optimum low light visibility. All Mark 4 scopes are tested for water resistance in a reduced-pressure, hot-water immersion tank before leaving the factory and are completely waterproof.

I chose to attach the Leupold Mark 4 M3-10X scope — developed for the U.S. Navy SEALs and used on the U.S. Army's M24 SWS — on the AWP rifle for test and evaluation.

This fixed 10-power scope has a duplex pattern (Target Dot and 3/4-minute Mil Dot reticle patterns are also available in the Mark 4 series). At 100 yards the thin section opening (distance from one heavy post to the other, either horizontally or vertically)



Hensoldt "Sight 90" fixed power 10x42mm scope has a 3/4-minute Mil Dot reticle pattern that is tritium illuminated for night shooting.

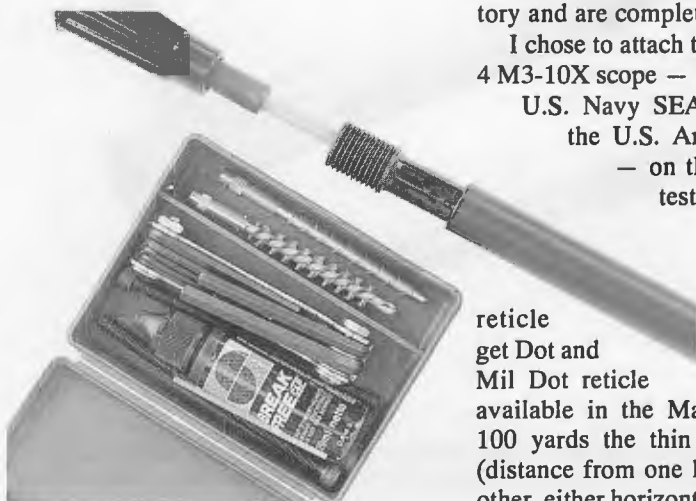
is 14.6 inches. The Mark 4 M3-10X scope has an elevation adjustment system that is used as a BDC. The dial is calibrated for bullet drop increments from 100 to 1,000 meters in 100-meter increments, all in less than one complete revolution of the adjustment. Elevation adjustment resolution is in one-minute clicks on the Mark 4 M3-10X scope and in 1/4-minute clicks on the Mark 4 M1 scopes.

### Sighting In

After sighting in, and depending upon the range at which the scope is zeroed, the bullet drop dial is then set to that range. We zeroed this rifle/scope combination at 100 meters with Federal 308M, and thus the dial was set at the 100-meter mark. BDC dials are provided with the Mark 4 M3-10X scope for the following bullets: Federal 308M with 168-grain Sierra BTHP, 7.62x51mm NATO M118 Match with 173-grain FMJ, 220-grain .300 Winchester Magnum, 180-grain .30-06 and 55-grain 5.56x45mm NATO. The scope is also provided with a sunshade and Butler Creek flip-up lens covers.

Windage adjustments have 1/2-minute clicks. This adjustment dial can be reset to zero once the scope is sighted in on the rifle. There is a third adjustment knob on the left side of the Mark 4 series scopes. This is for eliminating parallax, and these scopes can be set parallax-free at any distance from 15 meters to infinity when the shooter is in the firing position. It has limiting stops with the two extreme positions symbolized by the in-

AW/AWP maintenance and cleaning equipment consists of Parker Hale plastic-coated rod with chamber guide. Tips, extended screws for butt spacers, lubricant and seven allen-head wrenches are stored in a plastic box.



## AW/AWP SNIPER RIFLE SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Caliber:</b> .....	7.62x51mm NATO (.243 Winchester optional for AWP).
<b>Operation:</b> .....	Bolt-action. Three-lug bolt with an emergency fourth lug at the bolt handle. 60-degree bolt lift. Three-position safety on right side of bolt shroud.
<b>Weight, empty:</b> .....	AW: 14.3 pounds (6.5kg); AWP: 15.5 pounds (7kg).
<b>(with bipod, scope and magazine)</b>	
<b>Length, overall:</b> .....	With 30mm butt spacer — AW: 46.4 inches (1,179mm); AWP: 43.88 inches (1,114mm).
<b>Barrel:</b> .....	Six-groove. AWP: match-grade stainless steel, manufactured by Maddco Arms, Australia, or Border Barrels, Scotland. AW barrel available with either 1:10" or 1:12" twist.
<b>Barrel length:</b> .....	AW: 26.5 inches (673mm) with muzzle brake; AWP: 24 inches (610mm) with inverted muzzle crown.
<b>Feed mechanism:</b> .....	Detachable, 10-round, staggered-column, box-type magazine. Ballistite magazines also available for training exercises.
<b>Optical sights:</b> .....	Hensoldt "Sight 90" 10x42mm; Schmidt & Bender PM10x42M, PM6x42M or variable power PM3-12Vx50M; Leupold Vari-X III 3.5X10 Tactical or Mark 4 series: M1-10X, M1-16X and M3-10X.
<b>Emergency sights:</b> .....	AW only. Round front post; adjustable for elevation zero only; assembly bolts directly to the muzzle brake housing. Two rear sights: rotating disc aperture-type with apertures for elevations from 200 to 600 meters in 100-meter increments (Swedish army issue) or flip-up aperture-type with a single battle aperture for ranges from zero to 400 meters only (Belgian army issue).
<b>Stock:</b> .....	Chassis system based on bench-rest rail gun technology: aluminum-alloy chassis to which the action body is bolted and epoxy-bonded. Two-piece, thumb-hole-type stock panels made of reinforced nylon (AW: green; AWP: black) and held together by allen-head screws and washers.
<b>Finish:</b> .....	Barrel and receiver: green (AW) or black (AWP) epoxy paint.
<b>Price:</b> .....	AW or AWP rifle complete with bipod, butt spacers, one magazine and scope mount with rings, but without scope: \$2,999. Emergency sights included with AW rifle. Sound-suppressed AWS rifle: \$3,295. Metal carrying case, \$268; soft carrying case, \$109; sling, \$17; extra magazines, \$23; cleaning kit, \$25; tool kit, \$7.50.
<b>Manufacturer:</b> .....	Accuracy International Ltd., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 81, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, PO3 5SJ; phone: 011-44-705-671225; fax: 011-44-705-691852.
<b>Exclusive U.S. distributor:</b> .....	Gunsite Training Center Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 700, Paulden, AZ 86334; phone: 602-636-4565; fax: 602-636-1236.
<b>T&amp;E summary:</b> .....	Ultimate turnbolt sniper weapon system. Police model optimized for Federal 308M with guaranteed sub-1/2 MOA accuracy. Superiority over Remington 700 types includes detachable box magazines and a robust, milspec action with many desirable features. Fitted with excellent Parker Hale bipod.

finity mark and the largest dot. Parallax occurs when the primary image of an objective lens does not coincide with the reticle.

The ocular can be focused by backing the eyepiece away from the locking and then screwing it in or out until the reticle pattern is sharp and crisp.

The M3 comes with screw-on caps for its three adjustment knobs, which have a lower profile than the large, oversized so-called "ergonomic" knobs of

the Mark 4 M1 (both fixed 10X or 16X magnifications are available) scopes. Optimum eye relief of the Mark 4 M3-10X is 3.4 inches. At 100 yards the field of view is about 11 feet.

For those who operate in a more confined urban environment, the Leupold Vari-X III 3.5X10 Tactical variable power scope — originally developed for the FBI's HRT — is probably a better choice. At 100 yards, its field of view when powered down

to 3.5X is almost 30 feet. It's also almost half the price of any of the Mark 4 scopes. All of these excellent law enforcement scopes carry an unconditional warranty against defects in materials or workmanship, without time limits and even if you are not the original owner.

This combination — the AWP rifle with its heavy match barrel, Leupold Mark 4 M3-10X scope and Federal 308M ammunition — will print 0.4 MOA groups for me and any other experienced operator any day of the week. This is, without question, the most accurate SWS I have ever fired. No semi-automatic rifle can match this accuracy potential.

Subjected to grueling tests in several countries — endurance firings of more than 10,000 rounds during the Swedish trials using the same barrel and with no maintenance were without malfunctions, misfeed, parts breakage or loss of zero — the AW/AWP rifles are without peer among turnbolt sniping systems. It is certainly superior to the M24 SWS in several important areas: accuracy, detachable box magazines (which the M24 does not have) and bipod (the M24 is equipped with a Harris bipod).

Suggested retail price of either the AW or AWP rifle complete with bipod, butt spacers, chamber guide for a cleaning rod, sling, allen-head wrench set and storage box, muzzle cover, two magazines and scope mount with rings — but without a scope — is \$2,999. Emergency iron sights are included with the AW rifle. The sound-suppressed AWS version with integral barrel and suppressor costs \$3,295. Accessory prices are as follows: metal carrying case, \$268; soft carrying case (DPM or black), \$109; sling, \$17; cleaning kit, \$25; tool kit, \$7.50; extra magazines, \$23 each.

Recent introduction of the AWP rifle in the United States at a reasonable price for such incredible precision should ensure its dominance in U.S. law enforcement and special operations circles well into the foreseeable future. ✕

**Note:** The ghillie suit on page 54 was provided courtesy of Arizona Response Systems (Dept. SOF, 5501 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013-1700; phone: 602-331-3734). In addition to ghillie suits and capes, their tactical division provides aviation and maritime emergency equipment, electronic and pyrotechnic signalling devices, custom special-purpose medical kits, tactical firearm modifications and Glock grip reductions.

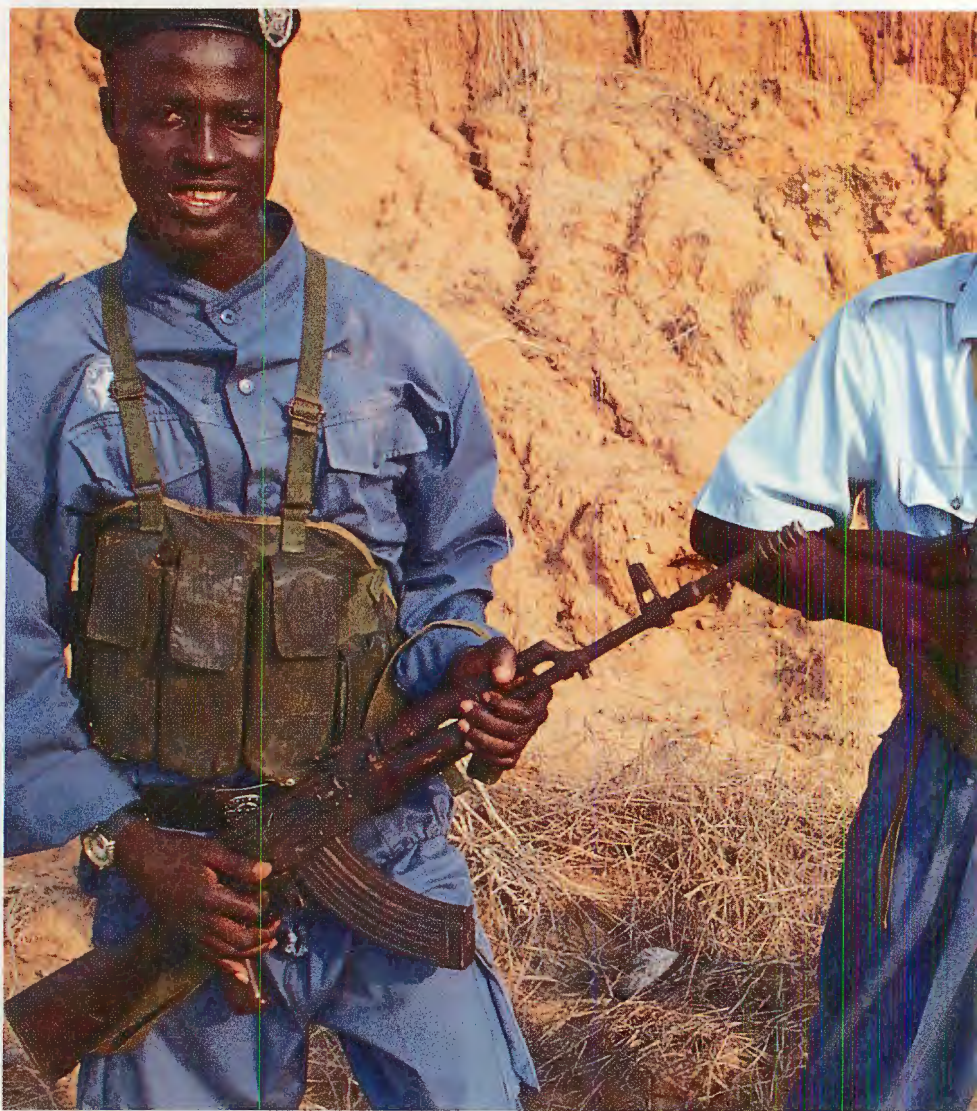
# ANGOLA'S

**The attack began** at 2200 hours. From the window of the relief office of the Lutheran World Federation flashes of white light illuminated the bullet-riddled walls and ruined houses of what was once a prosperous diamond town of 50,000 inhabitants. The bark of a stray dog was silenced by a single gunshot. In this war not even the dogs are spared, let alone the thousands of refugees who have fled their farms nearby to seek shelter behind barricades made of red earth in what was once the local school.

The pounding of artillery shells comes from where government troops of the MPLA (Portuguese acronym for Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) continue to fight a 5000-man guerrilla force from Jonas Savimbi's Unita (Portuguese acronym for Union for the Total Independence of Angola) rebels. The front is hard to define. For the soldiers it is only a couple of miles outside of town, but for the relief agencies it is here, in the bombed-out hospitals and schools where famine-stricken families huddle together as protection against stray bullets in the southern sky.

Even at the airport the shooting doesn't stop. Bullets from an AK-47 spill out onto the hot tarmac as a U.N. Boeing 727 relief plane comes in to land, bringing with it a heavy cargo of rice and beans. Both the army and Unita want the food, because in the backwater villages and refugee camps, the war is not about ideology but about feeding empty stomachs.

The situation has reached a crisis point in the towns and cities scattered across Angola. According to American flight coordinator David Schaad, "Bosnia and Somalia ain't shit compared to this." Schaad is a man who has seen enough combat in his life to warrant an informed opinion. His tour of duty included Vietnam as a Marine



and later on as professional pilot and emergency relief coordinator in Ethiopia, Chad and Somalia.

David is not the only one frustrated at the level of chaos in Angola. Darryl Alessi flew as a commercial airline pilot for Eastern Air Lines Inc. before being given early retirement. Today he flies for Transafrik, a charter company which transports medical aid and food into besieged Unita cities. "We are constantly being shot at," he said.

"Last week we lost our hydraulic system on our first mission into Kuito because of ground-to-air shooting ... they try to get us, and we're the ones who are trying to help." Alessi has just completed writing a book about his experiences called *Degrees of Delusion* — available next year. The delusion is real, but so is the courage of these American combat pilots.

Angola's civil war has been waging almost continuously since its in-

# AGONY

## Personality Cults Prolong Anarchy

Text & Photos  
by Richard Emblin



Morgues all over Angola are filled to capacity as more than 1,000 people die each day. Pictured are casualties from a shoot-out on the outskirts of Luanda, Angola's capital.

Well-armed Angolan government police showoff their AKs outside Luanda. Guns equal power in the chaos of present-day Angola, and it's not uncommon for such "police" to use their weapons to steal food and rob refugees.

dependence from Portugal in 1975. Portugal, being a relatively backward colonial power itself — in European terms — handed over this undeveloped colony to warring popular resis-

tance movements who have not stopped fighting to this day for control of the country. The war since independence until a short-lived truce in 1991 has killed 400,000 people and continues to kill 1,000 more each day, making it the world's deadliest active war. It has turned this potentially rich African country into a nation of amputees.

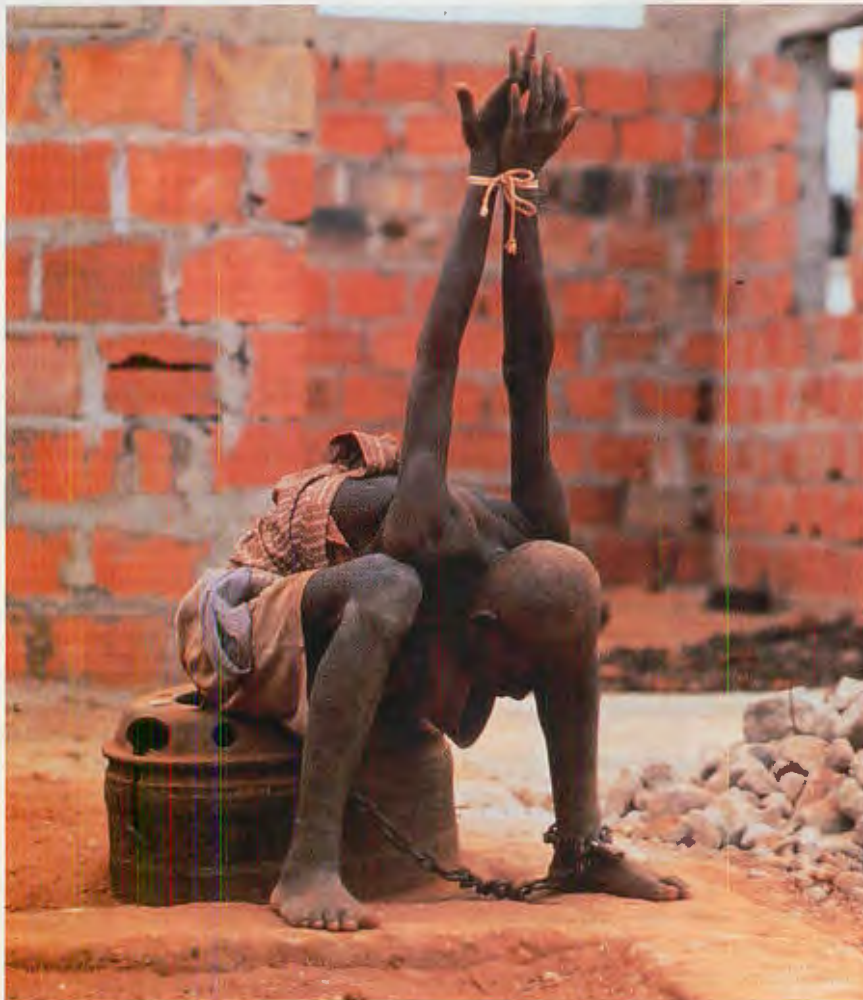
And amputees there are many. Angola currently has the highest rate of amputees in the world — close to

40% of the population. There are 9 million explosives for 6 million people. In the Luena health post a disgruntled Dr. Campos cannot keep up with the numbers of men, women and children who are dragged through the corridors each day with their legs blown off. "Even if the war ends tomorrow, the casualties will continue for another 10 years," he predicts. Ten years is a long time for Dr. Campos to wait, because even today, he has no anesthetic.

Unita continues to be spearheaded by 59-year-old commander Jonas Savimbi, a graduate of international politics at Lausanne University-Switzerland and a renowned five-star warlord whose life-long dream is to be Angola's legitimate ruler. Savimbi's dream, however, is far from being realized despite the fact that his 40,000-man army currently controls about 70% of the national territory. A recent arms and fuel embargo by the international community on Unita has



Teenage MPLA recruit appears overjoyed with his issue sidearm. The supply situation has tilted solidly in the government's favor as Unita's allies have deserted her and MPLA leader Jose Eduardo dos Santos has been recognized as the legitimate winner in the 1992 elections.



Almost 20 years of war have taken a huge toll on government services such as caring for the mentally ill. This inmate of a psychiatric center for war trauma victims sits in what's left of their hospital.

taken some of the wind out of Savimbi's sails, yet he continues to receive weapons, in exchange for diamonds, from freelance arms merchants in South Africa and neighboring Zaire. Still, his current position is the shakiest it has been in years.

After training in guerrilla tactics in China during the '60s, Savimbi soon became embroiled in Angola's dirty politics. As the only liberation force fighting within Angola against the Cuban and Soviet-backed MPLA government, Savimbi won his share of powerful backers in Washington and South Africa. Angola was the world's last Cold War battlefield and Savimbi was seen as a potential winner.

During this seemingly backwater war, Savimbi received \$250 million U.S. in military aid from the West to continue his war effort against the near-bankrupt communists. In 1988 Unita fought the MPLA to a stand-off and a fragile peace was forged. American, Soviet and Portuguese representatives met in Lisbon during the summer of 1991 to hammer out an official peace accord. The "peace" called for immediate demobilization and disarmament of both sides and setting a date for Angola's first multi-party elections — a year later.

The MPLA government of Jose Eduardo dos Santos, exhausted after 16 years of civil war and short of funds, prepared to launch their largest offen-



Angola has the highest percentage of amputees in the world with more than 40% of the population missing at least one limb. And the unmarked minefields and unexploded munitions will keep the casualty count rising for years to come.

sive at the polls. Despite having lost their Soviet paymasters, the Marxist MPLA employed a Brazilian PR company to mastermind an election campaign full of western-style pomp and pageantry. Posters of the mild-mannered president were plastered side-by-side on the colonial streets of Luanda, the capital — next to those of Savimbi. It seemed as if Angola's first steps toward democracy had been taken.

In order to guarantee a smooth transition to democracy, 800 international observers were flown in to monitor the elections. As a last-minute attempt to secure an MPLA victory, the government promised to dump Lenin and introduce Adam Smith-style capitalism. It worked and they won, but by only the narrowest of margins. Savimbi cried foul and retreated to his base camp in the central highland city of Huambo to plot his revenge. Plunging Angola into renewed civil war seemed to be his experienced option.

Angola's war has since become a brutal conflict of personalities. Former allies of Savimbi claim that the commander "has gone crazy" and has "lost control of his own army." These claims come from the fact that Unita remains in control of Angola's

major cities and is starving the people into surrender. The situation is so desperate that in Kuito, a city in central Angola, the inhabitants have resorted to eating human flesh in order to stay alive.

From cannibalism to corruption — Angola is in ruins. The United Nations estimates that 1,000 people are dying in Angola each day. In addition to the fighting, the country is in the grip of a full-scale drought, which has rendered agriculture useless. Lack of food has forced people, often entire villages, to leave those too old or sick to walk, in search of the nearest refugee center. When the rains come, uncontrollable diseases such as cholera, meningitis and measles will devastate the few who are still left in the rural communities.

The chaos in Angola, however, doesn't end in the countryside or the cities. Relief organizations seem to be fighting their own losing battle in a war against looting and widespread corruption. In the Boa Esperanca refugee camp 20 miles from the northern-front in Caxito, those refugees barely alive to clutch their plastic bowls of rice and dried fish are raided on in broad daylight by heavily armed policemen with AK-47s and Ray-Bans in

search of a free meal. Pitched gun battles ensue between cops and drunken soldiers while hundreds of children queue up, waiting for their daily allowance of fish and beans.

The camp is home to 30,000 people living in straw huts and in makeshift tents provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). According to Anna Liria Franch, director of the organization, there are 3 million displaced people in the country. Stemming the tide of refugees "is like brushing back the ocean with a broom," she says.

Despite the huge international relief effort underway, neither Unita nor the army seems terribly concerned about who gets fed and who doesn't. Sacks of rice and beans which have been flown in from generous farming

communities in the United States and Canada are often hijacked at gunpoint and end up for sale on the black market. Even the few grains of maize and rice which slip through the food-aid bags at Luanda's international airport are picked up by soldiers hoping to earn a few cents on the side.

Because of the widespread chaos and rampant corruption, "many within the relief agencies feel that we should just pack up and go," said one senior Canadian official at the United Nations. But the solution is not that simple. For men like Schaad, it has to do with a global "double standard." While the world remains focused on Somalia and Bosnia, the carnage in Angola has been whitewashed by the international community. "They (the West) created a monster in Savimbi," said one defected Unita federal deputy. "Now, nobody wants to do anything about it."

For both sides in this senseless war, the situation is so desperate that eventually someone must give in to end a war that seems to have no end.

*Richard Emblin is a Bogota, Colombia, based freelance photojournalist. ✕*

**There seems to be an** inverse correlation between the quality and attractiveness of a custom-made combat fighting knife and the quality and design of the sheath provided with it.

The only exceptions are Randall Made Knives. Their top-quality, heavy-stitched, saddle-leather sheaths with an attached sharpening-stone pocket are almost a second trademark.

However, I have purchased custom fighting knives from \$350 to \$950 that were sent to me with floppy, ill-fitting, poorly stitched sheaths that looked like they were assembled from a Tandy Leather hobbyist kit.

More recently, custom knife-makers are apt to provide you with a "Kydex" plastic sheath. This molded synthetic

scabbard is usually fabricated by folding and grommeting. These rigid sheaths invariably rest too high on the belt. As a result, the knife handle constantly jabs you in the kidney. An even worse consequence is the awkward draw stroke required to remove the knife from a Kydex sheath.

Obviously, few custom knife artisans know much of anything about designing and constructing a proper satchel for their pokers. Even Bo Randall had his sheaths made first by H.H. Heiser and a few other sheathmakers (Southern Saddlery Co., C.J. Moore, and Maurice Johnson and his son Johnny) and most recently by Sullivan's Holster Shop.

One of Randall's more interesting and useful designs is the Model 24 Guardian, a so-called "boot" dagger-type. It

# SWEET LEATHER FOR SHARP BLADES

**Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis**



J.D. Munro's custom arm sheath for the Randall Guardian boot knife features an elastic retaining strap with a leather cap that goes over the top of the knife's handle.

was originally equipped with a somewhat peculiar sheath without either a belt loop or spring clip on the back. It supposedly could be utilized in several ways: inside the waist or boot, as a sleeve knife (if the user added a Velcro fastener) or around the neck with a breakable necklace. Recent versions of this sheath have a chromed spring clip on the back. This will do, but armed professionals require sheaths and holsters at the same level of performance capability as the knives and handguns slid into them.

J.D. Munro (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 386, Salem, OR 97305; phone: 503-585-0430) is a native Oregonian who specializes in "sweet leather" for high-quality custom-made knives. In 1990, armed with a hand drill, pocket knife and potato peeler, J.D. made his first sheath. In just four years his superb designs and excellent craftsmanship have earned him an enviable reputation among the cognoscenti who collect and arm themselves with fine blades.

I asked Munro to make me an arm sheath for my Randall Model 24 Guardian and a cross-draw belt sheath for my Pat Crawford 6-inch Equalizer fighting knife. The Equalizer is one of Crawford's most attractive and useful models, but is usually supplied with a Kydex sheath.

Munro uses low-acid Muir & McDonald leather because their tanning process eliminates metallic contamination of the tannin. The specific knife determines the leather thickness selected for the sheath. Available colors include black, tan and dark brown. All of Munro's sheaths are stitched with the heaviest beeswax-coated nyltex thread. Because of the beeswax — which seals the stitch and together with the recessed stitch grooves adds durability — this thread cannot be used in a machine. From design-shaping to stitching, staining, burnishing and final finishing, all the work is done by hand — one sheath at a time.

The two straps on my arm sheath are made from heavy-duty elastic with Fastex-type quick-release buckles. There is an elastic retaining strap with a leather cap that goes over the top of the Guardian's handle. To draw the knife out of the sheath, you just pull on a leather tab sewn to the elastic strap and the retaining strap will slide off the handle. Simple, but quite secure. This sheath can also be worn on the leg. You can throw a full-force punch or kick with no perceptible movement whatsoever of the sheath and knife. Upon request, these sheaths can also be made jump-proof for skydivers or airborne military personnel.

The sheath Munro designed for my Crawford Equalizer is worn on the strong (or right) side and is intended for presentation with the weak (or left)

hand, since the right hand is used to draw the handgun from the left-side cross-draw location. When worn on the right side, this sheath positions the tip of the blade with a rearward rake with the knife handle pointing forward so that it can be grasped easily by the left hand.

These are, quite simply, the best fighting knife sheaths I have ever used. J.D. Munro has two types of ordering procedures. So-called "design" orders involve considerable correspondence between the customer and Munro. They require a \$25 non-refundable deposit. All designs and design concepts remain the property of J.D. Munro Originals. A "complete" order provides the customers with several options, but leaves Munro with the flexibility to make slight changes to enhance the character of the knife. It takes eight to 12 weeks to complete a custom sheath order. ✕



Munro's cross-draw sheath for the superb Pat Crawford Equalizer positions the tip of the blade with a rearward rake and with the knife handle pointing forward, so that it can be grasped easily by the left or "weak" hand.



Munro arm sheath for Randall Guardian has two straps made from heavy-duty elastic with Fastex-type quick-release buckles. Shown here with the sheath supplied by Randall and both the Guardian and Gambler boot knives.



# GUATEMALA'S RESU



**Punji pits, jungle warfare,** guerrillas and soldiers with almond-shaped eyes and coppery skins slaughtering one another for more than three decades.

A story about Southeast Asia? No — this is happening now, just an hour-and-45-minute flight south of Miami, on Uncle Sam's doorstep in the Central American nation of Guatemala. Its 33-year-old leftist insurgency — down and almost out over the past decade — has resurged. From last September to November, actions of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (a rebel umbrella group known by its Spanish acronym URNG) swelled like the volume of trading in a bullish market; however, this rebel rally was anything but enriching.

With a newly found vengeance, guerrillas landed crushing blows to the midsection of Guatemala's economy. In little more than two months, guerrilla sappers destroyed one bridge and seriously damaged five others along major highways, crippling transit and commerce for weeks.

Guerrilla commandos also hammered away at the national power grid. The URNG took credit for blowing up

URNG rebels killed skirmishing with Guat troops. Guerrilla grunts are mostly semiliterate Indians, having little in common with their *comandantes* sheltered comfortably in Mexico. Photo: Neftali Garcia

**Inset:** Truck driver and two passengers were killed in destruction of this Pacific highway bridge; URNG guerrillas claimed responsibility. Numerous bombings rocked Guatemala in 1993 amid popular clamor to "clean up" the congress and courts. Photo: Edgar Carranza

several important electrical towers and generators in the northern provinces of Quiche, Huehuetenango and Alta Verapaz — blacking out several towns — and was also a major suspect in dynamite attacks damaging several high-tension towers on the outskirts of Guatemala City, the nation's capital.

Concrete and metal structures can always be rebuilt — even if it takes years before the country can afford to do so. (Guatemala is one of the Western Hemisphere's poorest nations, with an estimated per-capita annual income of \$928.) But the lives laid waste can never be replaced.

# URGENT INSURGENTS



## Leftist Guerrillas Down But Not Out

by Steve Salisbury

A recent spate of firefights killed or wounded more than 100 combatants. Just in the span of a few September days, the URNG inflicted 20 to 30 army casualties, including at least seven KIAs, according to a tally of Guatemalan Defense Ministry communiques. The army also acknowledged three soldiers were killed and 27 wounded in early October during a 100-hour skirmish in San Marcos province near the Mexican border.

Guerrilla mines account for a majority of army and civilian casualties, according to army spokesman Colonel Fabriel Rivas. But rebels aren't just waiting for soldiers to fall into ambushes. Guerrilla units (each estimated to number between 20 and 100 men) carried out at least four hit-and-run attacks against major military bases

near the Pacific coast in 1993. These raids reportedly inflicted few casualties and little damage (some to civilian housing), yet made local headlines.

"The subversives are carrying out more actions of harassment to give the impression that they're strong," Rivas said, "but there haven't been pitched battles with large forces clashing."

Current Guatemalan figures for war damage and casualties are minuscule compared to the scope of horror in places like Bosnia, Angola or the war-torn republics of the former Soviet Union. But the numbers indicate an escalation in the conflict. Total Guatemalan armed-forces casualties for 1993 were not available at this writing; however, for September and October alone they numbered well above 1992 monthly averages.

Rivas conceded to the Mexican wire service Notimex that the army suffered about 300 casualties in 1992, including some 40 KIA — up sharply from the tally of five officers and 22 enlisted men reported killed in 1991.

Authoritative and impartial observers tend to believe the army's figures are far closer to reality than those cited by

rebels. The URNG claim of having inflicted 1,700 army casualties in 1991 — its most recent annual tabulation available — is widely discarded as unsubstantiated and grossly exaggerated propaganda. The URNG usually doesn't reveal its own casualties, but the military claimed 125 confirmed guerrilla casualties that year.

### Petrol Pirates

If destroyed infrastructure and climbing military casualties weren't worrisome enough, Guatemala's government has to cope with eco-terrorism. From January through 5 December 1993, guerrillas reportedly spilled more than 409,000 gallons of gasoline, diesel fuel and crude oil during 18 attacks on tanker convoys, wiping out fragile tropical ecosystems along roads in the Peten and Alta Verapaz provinces.

Does this jump in guerrilla activity presage a comeback to the Guatemalan rebels' heyday of the early 1980s?

It's doubtful. The guerrillas don't have the military or political strength, nor the foreign backing they enjoyed back then. A dozen years ago, insurgents reached their peak of support with as many as 6,000 combatants and some 100,000 active sympathizers, or *masas*. Also, the early 1980s were dark years of the Cold War, when the now-extinct communist bloc supported guerrilla forces with training and matériel.

Today the combloc is gone. Fidel Castro cannot even provide Cuba with 24-hour electricity, much less support *internacionalismo* to the extent he once did. Guerrilla leaders — old men living in the past — are groping to find a new banner to replace the shredded flag of Marxism, now discredited even among the most impoverished sectors of Guatemalan society.

Further undermining the URNG's call for armed struggle, a succession of civilian democratic governments, commencing in 1986 — though fragile and far from being entirely representative — have replaced military strongmen and survived several coup attempts. The government pulled through a fateful crisis late last spring, when former President Jorge Serrano moved to suspend constitutional rights and dissolve Guatemala's congress and supreme court; thousands of street protesters forced his ouster.

By the time Ramiro De Leon Carpio, a former attorney general for human rights and a staunch critic of both mili-

tary and guerrilla abuses, was named by legislators in June to succeed Serrano as president, guerrilla forces had dwindled to (and remain) between 700 and 1,000 combatants, according to military intelligence.

### Well-Armed By Whom?

According to conventional wisdom, the URNG would wither away along with worldwide communism. Yet, ironically, the Cold War-fueled conflicts in neighboring El Salvador and Nicaragua are believed to be behind the recent URNG muscle-flexing.

A few years ago, guerrillas desperate for arms resorted to raiding remote police outposts for handfuls of old revolvers and .30-caliber carbines. Now Guatemalan troops encounter rebel columns increasingly armed with automatic weapons, RPGs and mortars. Military officials say the arms of once-belligerent forces in El Salvador and Nicaragua have somehow fallen into URNG hands.

Suspicious arose in mid-January 1992, when Guatemalan forces discovered a URNG arms cache in Peten, reportedly capturing AK-47s (Nicaragua and Cuba's standard army rifle, also used by Salvadoran and Nicaraguan contra insurgents) for the first time. Then early last September it appeared gunrunners were caught red-handed in Nicaragua. A URNG arsenal worth an estimated \$3 million was



Government soldiers evacuate body of a guerrilla after firefight in southwest Guatemala. Increasing rebel attacks hint at renewed URNG strength, but overall guerrilla activity remains much lower than in early 1980s. Photo: DIDE

discovered near the capital city of Managua; two Guatemalans were arrested for watching over it.

Dubbed the biggest illegal arms cache ever found in Nicaragua, an official inventory included 275 and 200 Soviet-type AKM and AK-47 rifles, respectively, along with 245 U.S. M16 rifles and a stockpile of nearly 1 million rounds of ammunition. Also found were 10 Soviet RPK and 11 U.S. M60 machine guns, seven Soviet-style RPG rocket launchers, 26 British LAW-80 rockets, five 57mm recoilless rifles, a Soviet AGS-17 30mm grenade launcher and 310 kilos of dynamite, among other armaments.

The former Salvadoran guerrilla movement FMLN (Faribundo Marti Liberation Front) and the Sandinistas (the Marxist-rooted party ruling Nicaragua in the 1980s) have denied any connection with this arms cache. However, both groups have disavowed past gunrunning charges that were later proven true. The FMLN was already taking heat after an explosion last May at one of its arms caches outside Managua proved the movement had not lived up to

## BIG HEADLINES, LITTLE IMPACT

A cadre of army junior officers led an odd mix of disaffected soldiers and leftist students into the wilderness in 1960 to wage a guerrilla struggle after an uprising against a military strong man in Guatemala City failed. Since then, political violence has wreaked a staggering toll on Guatemala's 9.5 million inhabitants, roughly half of whom are Indians.

At least 100,000 Guatemalans have been slaughtered, with some 45,000 forced to flee to refugee camps in neighboring Mexico; another 45,000 "disappeared," according to some counts.

When four Marxist-oriented rebel factions united in 1982 (reportedly at the behest of Fidel Castro) to form the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit — known as the URNG — they controlled substantial parts of the country and disrupted much of the nation's daily routine, even mounting periodic terrorist attacks in the capital city. But this was the closest the rebels would ever come to seizing power.

That same year, General Jose Efraim Rios Montt was installed as head of state by a band of junior officers who toppled the regime of Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia. Rios Montt launched a military campaign that eventually broke the insurgency's back — but another officers' coup overthrew him in August 1983.

Eventually worn down by a government strategy combining incessant military pressure ("scorched-earth" tactics, according to critics) with massive mobilization of civil defense and the transition to civilian democratic rule in 1986, the URNG waned through the latter 1980s. The guerrillas were isolated as a chronic sore infesting remote areas, such as the jungle of northern Peten province, the western volcanoes near the Pacific coast, or the predominantly Indian-populated highlands of Guatemala's northwest.

By the early 1990s, URNG activity had wasted away to being little more than a nuisance, even in traditional rebel bastions. Guerrilla ambushes, sabotage and holdups of motorists became so infrequent that most Guatemalans forgot a war existed. They were reminded of it only by an occasional headline reporting peace talks or a flare-up of rebel violence.

During stretches over recent months, however, news of guerrilla actions surfaced almost daily. With only 46,000 soldiers responsible for protecting an area the size of West Virginia, Guatemala's armed forces cannot guard many strategic targets, such as bridges or electrical towers. "Not even with 150,000 troops can you contain the 800 guerrillas that carry out terrorist acts," the country's defense minister, Gen. Mario Enrique, told the capital city's *Prensa Libre* newspaper. "It's nothing easy to combat them."

In deploying one of Latin America's least-equipped armies — holding fewer than a dozen functioning helicopters — Enrique's military has performed a Herculean feat in preventing guerrillas from becoming a major concern for most Guatemalans.

— S. S.

its disarmament promises.

One thing is certain: Central America has turned into an arms bazaar with thousands of hungry, active and former combatants willing to sell weapons at bargain prices to anyone. A former contra commander told me some of his

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Guatemala's jungles and volcanoes are breathtaking. But at least a half-dozen American pilots aren't sightseeing while flying over them.

Working for private companies contracted by the U.S. State Department's National Anti-Narcotics Section, these men risk their lives spearheading a joint U.S.-Guatemalan effort to eradicate drug crops often found growing in areas crawling with guerrillas.

"Hell, you should see the bullet holes in our helicopters. And we have a Thrush that's all shot up," said one anti-drug trooper who preferred to remain anonymous.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Guatemala has quietly become a significant producer of opium poppies and marijuana, with its respectively conducive topography of cool highlands and tropical jungles. Authorities claim it has also become a major transshipment point for Colombian cocaine and suspect the URNG is involved in the drug dealing.

"There are numerous reports — and they seem credible — that some of the guerrilla groups, particularly in the areas of opium cultivation, have benefited from the trafficking that occurs," observed Melvin Levitsky, a former U.S. assistant secretary of state for International Anti-Narcotics Affairs. "And reports are that they provide protection in some cases, that they in some cases exact a tax on the growth of the drug crop."

With the demise of the Soviet bloc, a partnership with drug cartels may be the only viable option to significantly revitalize the rebels' military capacity. The URNG denies this, alleging government and military personnel are involved in drug dealing.

Army personnel have been arrested for trafficking, but Guatemala's Defense Ministry stresses these are cases of bad apples. One matter trying U.S. diplomats' patience concerns a former lieutenant colonel wanted for cocaine-running — months of U.S. requests for his extradition have so far failed.

Officially, relations between Guatemala and U.S. law enforcement are fine. Privately, however, Guatemalan anti-drug agents have complained about being paid a fraction of their U.S. counterparts' salaries. This friction was perhaps a factor when in 1992 Guatemalan military aircraft shot down a light airplane, seriously injuring its American pilot. According to a Guatemalan flier, the plane belonged to an American law enforcement agency and was shot down after failing to identify itself.

"The DEA is arrogant, coming into our country and having all its special privileges," the flier complained. "But if they think they're above identifying themselves, then fine, we'll shoot them down." While local press reports also linked the downed aircraft to American agencies, the U.S. Embassy denied this.

One thing cannot be denied: The dangerous mix of guerrillas, drugs, corruption and scarce resources to fight *narcotrafico* has the potential of turning Guatemala into a little Colombia.

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old troops were offering AKs for around \$60 each.

Weapons may not be the only bounty bestowed on the URNG from guerrilla vets in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Tactics have apparently been passed along as well. In October, Guatemalan rebels began exploding mines hidden in



Part of suspected URNG arsenal discovered last September outside Managua — the largest illegal arms cache ever found in Nicaragua, valued by experts at \$3 million. At lower center: a Soviet-made 30mm AGS-17 grenade launcher. Photo: Neftali Garcia

trees, a tactic often used by Salvadoran guerrillas, resulting in a majority of last fall's casualties in San Marcos province.

### Talk Peace — Make War

Peace settlements in El Salvador and Nicaragua have also affected negotiations between insurgents and Guatemalan officials, but not in the favorable way hoped for. Begun in April 1991, direct government negotiations with the URNG — centering on human rights, on the armed forces' role in society and on political, social and economic

reforms — have gone practically nowhere.

An impasse exists over URNG demands to receive concessions similar to several won by the FMLN. These include restructuring and purging of armed forces, dismantling of civil-defense patrols (a major bulwark against the



Guatemalan army's U.S.-made V-150 Commando APC patrols against rebel highwaymen and eco-terrorists. Last year guerrillas spilled more than 409,000 gallons of gas, diesel fuel and crude oil during 18 attacks on tanker convoys. Photo: DIDE

URNG, they are blamed for many atrocities), land reform and establishment of a "commission of the past" to investigate human-rights violations.

While Guatemala's peace negotiations have certain similarities to those concluded in El Salvador in 1992, Monsignor Rodolfo Quezada Toruno, a past "conciliator" in Guatemala's dialogue, has warned during interviews how "the circumstances and peculiarities of both processes are diverse." In El Salvador, war pummeled society and the

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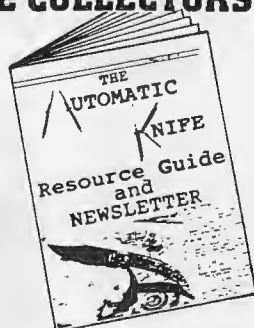
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economy so savagely, for so many years, that something had to give. But in Guatemala, not since the intense battles of the early 1980s have the military and elite classes felt significant pressure to make concessions toward ending a war that's now more shout than shoot.

"Here, the guerrilla [forces] didn't stalemate with the army," de Leon Carpio once remarked when he was attorney general for human rights. These words came back to haunt the new president in October after he unveiled a peace plan calling for: convening a national forum to address Guatemala's problems, demobilizing and reincorporating guerrillas into civilian life, and inviting an international body like the United Nations to facilitate and verify agreements.

Rejecting the president's proposal, guerrillas stepped up attacks to strengthen their bargaining position. This violence contradicted peace overtures of Rodrigo Asturias, one of four *comandantes* in the rebel directorate. Just a day before discovery of the URNG arsenal near Managua, he told Reuters that intensifying the war "could be interpreted as evidence of weakness ... and would fortify recalcitrant positions" in the army.

It seems guerrilla leaders (who named a front "Ho Chi Minh") have adopted the old Marxist negotiating tactic of "talk peace, make war," or else they have little control over their men. Neither probability bodes well for chances of peace. Rebel grunts are largely young, semiliterate Indians, sharing little in common with their mostly European-blooded *comandantes* living comfortably in Mexico.

### Bloody Vested Interests

"The laying down of arms by the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit shall take place when an agreement is produced that contains the basis for the solutions to the problems for which we rose up in arms," URNG Comandante Rolando Moran has stated.

Misery, social injustice and trampling of human rights with impunity, in what remains a nearly feudal society for the majority of Indians, have been tinder for conflict since before the Spanish Conquest. These problems will be mostly unresolvable for generations, so it's hard to decipher what formula would please the URNG.

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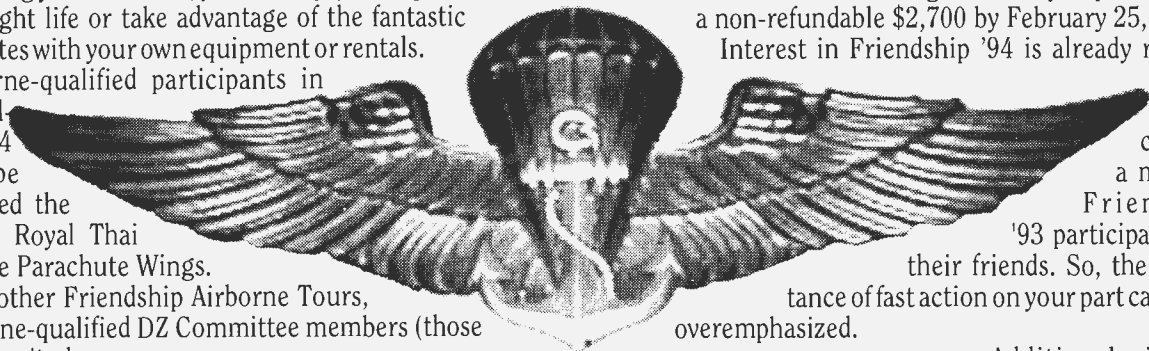
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Not even the bloodless mass demonstrations forcing Serrano's resignation were enough to convince guerrilla leaders that change can be made without guns. Meanwhile, acts of sabotage, eco-terrorism, motorist strafings and executions of "enemies of the people" spread the suffering. Yet the greatest obstacles to peace are perhaps the vested interests of both the military and the URNG.

The military fears a human rights witch-hunt, especially one manipulated by the guerrillas and by human rights groups that overlook guerrilla atrocities. Also, if the URNG disarmed to join the pack of legitimate political parties, the rebels would lose not only the attention they now enjoy, but also the money raised by overseas solidarity groups and the "war taxes" collected at home.

From 1978 to 1984 alone, the guerrillas reportedly acquired some \$42 million from war taxes, extortions, robberies and kidnappings. Guerrillas are also suspected of profiting from narcotics trafficking, another plausible incentive against demobilization [see sidebar].

Unlike in El Salvador, where the United States and other nations have helped bankroll insertion of former combatants into civilian life, no such aid appears forthcoming for Guatemala. With national joblessness and underemployment estimated at around 40%, many demobilized soldiers and guerrillas would face grim futures in peacetime.

And until the combatants are taken care of, combat will continue.

*For more than a decade, SOF Senior Foreign Correspondent Steve Salisbury has lived and worked in Central America, filing dozens of stories on armed conflicts in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. ✕*

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Sound suppressors are usually evaluated and compared by a logarithmic ratio called the decibel (dB). The logarithmic nature of the dB is important to keep in mind, as a 3-dB drop in sound is one-half of the original, a 20-dB decrease is 1/100 the original and a 30-dB decrease is only 1/1000 of the original sound pressure level. However, because the sensitivity curve of the ear is also logarithmic, decreasing the sound energy to a hundredth of its value only halves the apparent sound to an ear. For comparison purposes, quiet conversation is about 55 dB, a handclap 65 dB, a jackhammer about 120 dB, and an M16 rifle 165 dB.

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The Arms Tech sound suppressor has been optimized for use with high velocity .22 LR ammunition. The sound signatures of the ammunition fired through the Arms Tech system (Remington .22 Target, Winchester Super-X .22 LR High Velocity and Eley Subsonic Hollow Point) were measured by means of a Bruel & Kjaer-type 2209 Impulse Precision Sound Level Meter with a quarter-inch No. 4135 microphone and A-scale weighting placed one

meter away from the front, and to left, of the muzzle at an angle normal (90 degrees) to the barrel's axis.

The meter was calibrated both before and after the tests. No instrument drift was noted. All of this is as per U.S. milspec. The humidity at the time of the tests was 83% with a temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Eley Subsonic	110.04	109.00	148.13	39.13

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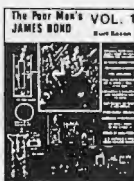
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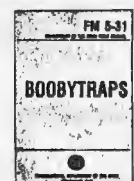
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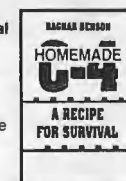
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Winchester Super-X .22 LR High Velocity ammunition, which consistently produced groups under 1 inch.

A maintenance schedule for this sound suppressor will depend upon the ammunition employed, as all .22 rimfire ammunition generates a lot of fouling — but some brands are worse than others. The unit is not designed to be disassembled by the user.

Do not use solvents such as Hoppe's No. 9 as they will attack the aluminum baffles. *Fighting Firearms* Contributing Editor Al Paulson recommends Kroil, which is available from Kano Laboratories (Dept. SOF, 1000 S. Thompson Lane, Nashville, TN 37211-2627; phone: 615-833-4101, fax: 615-833-5790). Their "Get Smart Deal" includes a one-gallon can, an aerosol can and shipping for \$20. Soaking the baffles overnight in Kroil will remove most of the fouling.

The Arms Tech sound-suppressed Ruger 22/45 pistol comes with a special, proprietary-size Safepacker holster. Originally

designed by Ralph Holzhaus II of The Wilderness Center (Dept. SOF, 5130 N. 19th Ave., Suite 7, Phoenix, AZ 85015; phone: 602-242-4945; catalog \$1) to protect a handgun during mountain rescues, the Safepacker holster is fabricated from 1000-denier Cordura nylon, with one-quarter-inch closed-cell, neoprene foam in between, and a Fastex quick-release buckle. The holster's flap contains a Velcro closure pocket. Inside is a Spyderco Clipit Endura locking folder knife with a plain-edged, stainless steel blade that is provided by Arms Tech. The entire package consisting of the suppressed Ruger 22/45, special Safepacker holster and Clipit knife is referred to as "The Operator Pak." I also carry a spare magazine in the closure pouch.

In my opinion, the greatest single advantage of the Safepacker is surprise and, as a consequence, the draw stroke sequence should always appear almost casual.

The draw stroke sequence — developed by myself and a Sam Spade-type who totes a Safepacker

everyday — is as follows: Insert the Ruger 22/45 into the holster muzzle-first with the rear sight next to the weapon compartment's Velcro breakaway closure. The Safepacker is carried in the left hand (for a right-handed shooter) with the top of the pistol facing down and the muzzle forward. Swing the holster up and index it and the butt end of the pistol against your stomach, just above the belt line. Slide the left hand under the flap while positioning the thumb and index finger of the right hand on the Fastex quick-release buckle. Open the buckle and let the holster swing downward while continuing to hold the holster flap with the left hand. Reach into the gun compartment, brushing the Velcro closure open while grabbing the weapon. Withdraw the handgun, let the Safepacker fall to the ground and assume the Weaver position.

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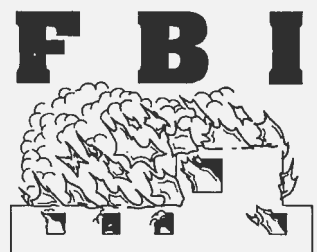
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## AMERIKANAC COMMANDO

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of volunteers, as "everyone wanted to stay at the front on Mount Igman because they were feeding us three boxes of C-ration-type Yugoslav national army rations a day. *Three a day.* No one was worried about dying; we were finally getting enough to eat."

The attack on Mount Igman was Zack's last major combat action. He returned to routine duties in positions around the Jewish cemetery until leaving in October 1993. The appreciative Serb Chetniks of *Novo Sarajevo* commissioned Zack a captain, and the Serb government awarded him a Serbian passport and honorable discharge. Five Chetniks were awarded the Serbian Medal of Bravery for heroism during the Mount Igman offensive. Kapetan Zlatko "Zack" Novkovic was one of them.

*Rob Krott is an SOF Senior Foreign Correspondent. ✕*

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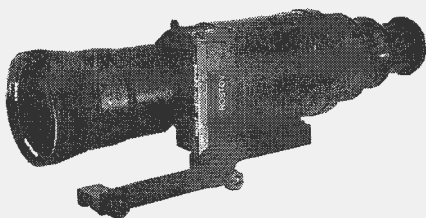
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mans and Ustashe, the nationalist Chetniks, and Tito's communists, some 1.7 million Yugoslavs were killed — *more than half of them by other Yugoslavs.*

Only in such a convoluted and chaotic political arena could a criminal figure akin to Arkan become a war hero, rising political star, and one of the richest men in his country. Once prominent, however, the politically ambitious can find former alliances to be fragile, and former sponsors hazardous. Arkan, or course, isn't the only former Serbian militia commander to enter politics.

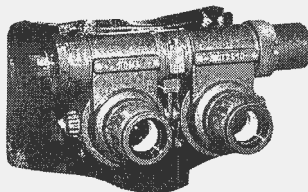
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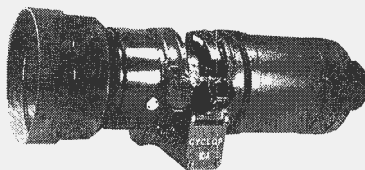


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mander, Vojislav Seselj of the Serbian Radical Party (formerly a college professor), has seen over three dozen of his men recently indicted — with considerable publicity in the state-controlled press — for war crimes, including rape and murder of civilians ... just as his second-ranked party was becoming a political threat to Milosevic.

Although politically motivated, the charges against Seselj's men may well be true: It was he who told the Serbs they should deal with their opponents by "gouging their eyes out with rusty spoons" — a little dry on the milk of human kindness, even for the Balkans.

Usefully controlled competitors, like other useful idiots, can be expeditious — but expendable — political tools. Perhaps Arkan will be willing to limit his ambitions to merely playing in the Big Boy's sandbox. And perhaps not. He is enthusiastically supported by his followers, warts and all, and his ultra-ethnic/nationalist theme has been playing well. Who is to say how far he may ultimately go. But in the meantime, he makes a good ally/protege for the Milosevic establishment, and brings with him a built-in Achilles' heel should he ever get to be a viable competitor. ✕

## HARDBREAK HOTEL

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Ironically, by Monday, 13 December, the IRS had agreed to return custody of the hotel to Domangue and let him make monthly payments of \$288.89 on his IRS debt — terms under which Uncle Sam will not get the money nearly as quickly as he would have by accepting what Domangue originally proposed.

Even with the Britney back in his hands, Domangue still had to figure out where to get money to have the hotel's phone and water turned back on to open for business. But he remained typically optimistic.

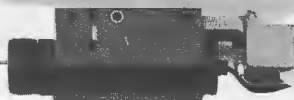
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## ATF MISCARRIAGE

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revolutionary or something," Katona said.

About this time Kimberly Katona, then several months' pregnant, came downstairs upset at seeing federal agents plundering her belongings. She apparently startled ATF agent Steven St. Pierre. The Katonas claim St. Pierre grabbed both of Kimberly's arms and pushed her against a wall momentarily when she entered the basement vault.

"Her eyes got big and she looked at me," Katona recalled. "She told me she felt funny - that something had snapped."

Kimberly, who stands about 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs just over 100 pounds, began bleeding within the hour. She went to a doctor who told her to stay in bed, but a few days later she suffered a miscarriage. Kimmell and St. Pierre, who both declined comment for this article, denied in court documents that they ever touched Mrs. Katona.

The ATF team seized 32 registered automatic weapons from Katona, including cases, optical sights and other accessories, with a total assessed value of more than \$100,000.

Following the raid, more than two months passed with no word from the ATF. Then on 22 July 1992, the bureau sent a letter stating its intent to make an administrative forfeiture of Katona's property. Katona immediately posted the required \$2,500 cash bond to protest this action. ATF quickly withdrew its forfeiture filing.

More time elapsed. Katona, who'd heard nothing further, hired an Ohio civil attorney. On 24 March 1993, he sued the ATF, Chief Beran and the city of Bucyrus for unspecified monetary damages that include his wife's miscarriage.

Within days, the same assistant U.S. attorney who'd approved the ATF's original search warrant for Katona's home began a grand jury investigation. Also, the U.S. Attorney's Office asked for an indefinite delay of Katona's civil suit because of the "pending" criminal investigation. A judge refused, however, telling investigators he would delay action in the Katonas' suit only until 1 September

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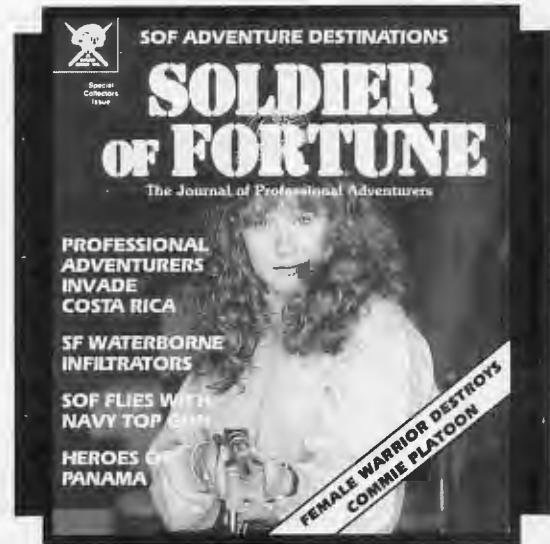
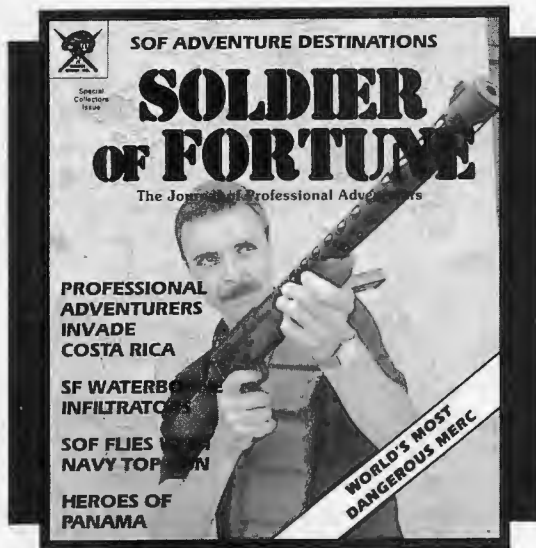
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This past January, the feds upped the ante by indicting Katona's father — a Class III gun dealer who also holds a manufacturer's license. The elder Katona is charged in a two-count indictment with falsifying paperwork and conspiring to falsify paperwork that documented destruction and disposal of nine firearms suppressors.

*SOF* readers will be kept informed on how the Katona cases unfold.

*James L. Pate has written numerous articles on questionable law enforcement tactics and is providing ongoing coverage of the Waco tragedy. ✕*

## THREE-GUN MATCH

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On arrival, the shooters in the cab dismounted with rifles and scattered to designated shooting positions, where they engaged multiple knock-down targets at various distances out to 200 yards. Team members in the truck bed were required to remain there, shooting throughout the exercise. The problem was complicated by loud (genuine) explosions just forward of the teams' firing positions as they arrived. The team knocking down all of its targets fastest won. This shoot-off is a spectacle not to be missed.

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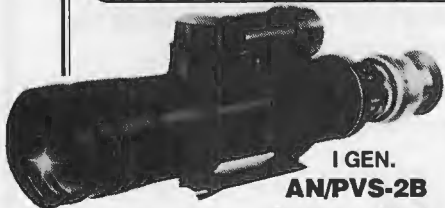
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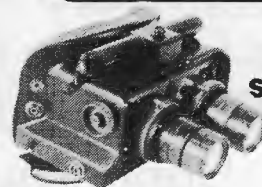
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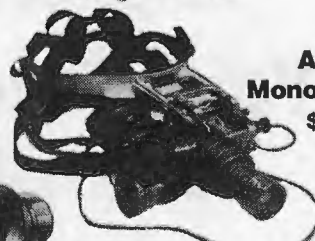
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me. The surprised look on his face said more than words could." This second apprehension was a "freebie" for the local sheriff — a payback for the many times Rick has been on the receiving end of assistance from a sheriff's department.

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The two operations recounted above represent only a small fraction of those Rick has worked on both sides of the Rio Grande over the past three years. It's fair to say Johnny Yuma would be proud of Rick's aggressiveness and hard work, but he would also be totally bewildered by the array of equipment and weaponry Rick uses.

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  - Various night-vision devices
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bounty-hunting success, Rick emphasized his good relations with local, state and federal lawmen. By being careful not to "tread on their turf" unless invited, he is increasingly asked to lend a hand gathering intelligence on fugitives sought by authorities. Rick observed how his assistance has been repaid many times over, that "what goes around comes around."

When asked about the going rates for captured bail-jumpers, Rick said his "commission" is normally 10% of the amount of bail. However, he will negotiate a lower price when the bail is exceptionally large. His biggest payoff was around \$10,000, while his biggest rip-off (the Gonzales operation) involved some \$8,000. But an average capture nets him about \$500, so he must bust roughly one bad guy per week in order to meet expenses. This can be a tall order, even in south Texas where literally hundreds of bail-jumpers (mostly drug offenders) are hiding out along a 50-mile-wide strip on either side of the border.


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*Retired Captain Larry Bailey, spent 28 years in the Navy, 27 of those as a SEAL. He is now an freelance writer and consultant on military affairs.*

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*A: He's not the only person I was protecting.*

Q: You were trying to protect yourself?

*A: Myself, himself, my family.*

Q: Okay. So you're willing to lie to do that. Correct?

*A: I did at that time, yes, sir.*

Q: Well, you lied about a few other things too, as we previously discussed. Right?

*A: Yes, sir.*

Q: You alleged he [Lt. Cmdr. X] was making unwanted sexual advances and yet you had sex with him. Doesn't that suggest to you that the advances were not unwanted?

*A: They were unwanted. If I had sex with him, maybe he would have just left me alone.*

Q: You also told Special Agent Coyle that in November someone slashed all four tires on your car while it was parked in your apartment complex?

*A: Yes, sir, I did.*

Q: Isn't it true that you actually awoke one morning to find one of your tires flat from driving over a nail?

*A: It was not from a nail. It was flat, yes, sir.*

Q: So you had one flat tire.

*A: Yes, sir.*

Q: But you told Special Agent Coyle that someone had slashed all four of your tires?

*A: Yes, sir, I did.*

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Q: When Special Agent Billings asked you why you would lie about these threats is it true that you said, "I only want someone to take care of me?" Do you remember that statement?

A: I don't recall that exact statement, but yes, sir, I mean, I was taken out of training. No one was telling me what to do, no one had advised me of my rights.

Q: Is that what this is all about, someone to take care of you?

A: No, sir.

Q: Is that why you wanted to portray yourself as a victim?

A: No, sir, that is not it.

Q: Is that why you lied about these claims of harassment?

A: No, sir.

Q: Now, after this alleged attack what did you do that Friday night?

A: Sir, I went back down on the third floor.

Q: So, when was it that you were doing these belly shots? You say you don't remember?

A: Sir, I don't recall what day that was.

Q: Some time after the attack?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Did you have your legs shaved too?

A: Yes, sir, I did.

Q: Well, is it safe to say then that this assault didn't ruin your weekend?

GOVERNMENT: Objection!  
 JUDGE: Noted.

A: No, that's not safe to say.

Q: Well, you testified that you were upset about the attack. Right?

A: Yes, sir, I was.

Q: But you were doing belly shots after that?

A: I don't see where one has to do with the other.

Q: You indicated you were disgusted with Tailhook after 1990?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Well, there are a number of witnesses who say you were doing the belly shots and the leg shaving in 1991 too. Is that true?

A: Yes, I had my legs shaved the first day I was there.

Q: Did you do belly shots?

A: No, sir.

Q: You're positive about that?

A: If I did, I do not recall who.

Q: Even though you were disgusted with all the partying you went back and partied in '91. Correct?

A: Yes, sir. I know that I made a bad judgment call, but I don't con-

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sider what I did to be in part of the partying that was going on around me.

The defense called SA Lindy Billings as their only witness. Billings corroborated, begrudgingly, the fact Warnick had lied to investigators on five occasions. Two questions from defense were revealing:

Q: Do you consider Lt. j.g. Warnick to be a truthful person?

A: [long pause] ... No, not always.

Q: Now, Lt. j.g. Warnick has admitted to lying about a number of different things and you were the one that uncovered most of those. Now, in general, would you say that she only admitted to lying under protest, so to speak, that she usually maintained that she wasn't lying until confronted with contrary evidence?

A: Most of the time.

The overzealous prosecutory attitude carried over to the legal staff who supported Vice Admiral J. Paul Reason's actions in bringing disciplinary proceedings. Captain Jeffrey Williams and Cmdr. Robert Monahan, attorneys on Reason's staff, have been removed from participation in all Tailhook legal matters by general courts-martial Judge William Vest,

Vest ruling that Williams and Monahan's conduct was improper and lacked impartiality.

Cowden's case was dismissed after review by an impartial attorney. Diaz accepted non-judicial punishment. The "small" price for Cowden and Diaz was having their names dragged through the mud by the press — and several thousand dollars' worth of legal bills.

The Tailhook Association continues to carry out its mission "to foster, encourage, develop, study and support the aircraft carrier, sea-based aircraft, both fixed and rotary wing, and aircrew of the United States of America and to educate the public in the aircraft carrier's appropriate role in the nation's defense system."

The 1991 convention, held 5-8 September 1991, has arguably caused more damage to the Navy and U.S. military than convicted spy John Walker. "What about Tailhook!" has become the rallying cry for homosexual activists whenever morality is mentioned in the debate. [The quick reply to this being, "It was off-base, off-duty."]

Feminists, led by Colorado Rep. Pat Schroeder, have used it as the fulcrum to leverage their views on the

whole of the military and to introduce women into direct combat aviation. Morale of naval aviation is at a low ebb. The needless and unethical prosecution of many junior and senior officers continues to cost the Navy and America their best defense.

*Former flight officer and Tailhook member Michael Kitchen did not attend the 1991 convention, but has attended every hearing in Norfolk, Virginia. He is editor of The Gauntlet, 2129 General Booth Blvd., Suite 103, No. 208, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. ✕*

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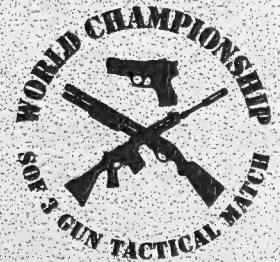


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There are, undoubtedly even more firearms that would be prohibited if this bill is passed into law, as definitions of so-called assault weapons are open to BATF interpretation.

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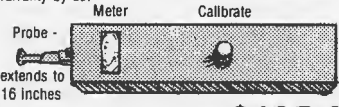

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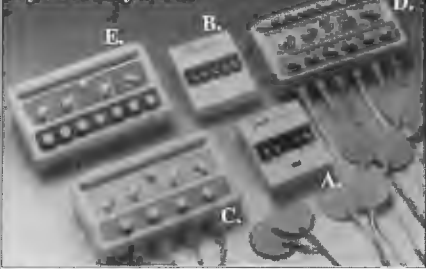
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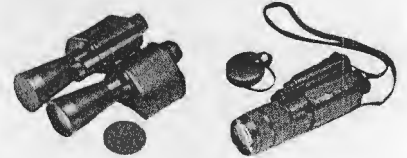
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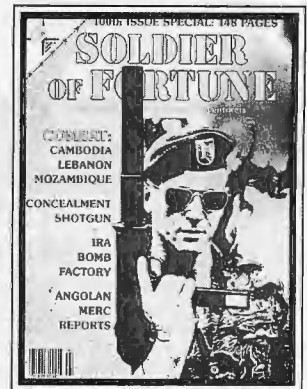
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by George Kulas

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The support given our GIs by the American people during recent military operations has been overwhelming. Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Restore Hope have seen our troops being sent off like high-school teams going to state championships. Our send-offs have only been outdone by the homecomings.

I gave 17 years of my life to the U.S. Army and three years to the Marine Corps. Although I am extremely proud of my service, I am a bit envious of the glory bestowed upon armed forces personnel returning from these recent operations.

My war was the Vietnam War. There was no send-off for me, other than hugs from my immediate family. There were no yellow ribbons tied around oak trees in my absence. There wasn't a quick, decisive victory over a vastly outnumbered enemy. The homecoming I received certainly didn't resemble any parade. In fact, for a long time after returning home, I felt I was the enemy.

It was the summer of 1969. I had just been released from my Marine tour, which included 18 months in Vietnam. It felt great wandering the sidewalks in my hometown of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

At last I was on solid ground.

Green lawns and trees surrounded me. My feet were not sinking in mud; the air was fresh and clean. Safe and secure, I was home. Wearing my uniform one last time, this was my solo homecoming parade.

A day earlier in California, our group of newly discharged Marines traveled by bus from Camp Pendleton to the airport. Numerous vehicles passed us on the freeway, their occupants sneering at our Marine Corps bus. A few passengers waved and displayed peace signs, but more of them displayed middle fingers, while some spat at our bus.

The joyful atmosphere present upon departing Camp Pendleton had changed to quiet anger. A tough-looking combat vet I sat next to lowered his head, saying, "As soon as we get to the airport, this uniform is coming off. I don't want anyone to know I was a Marine. Nobody cares what we went through in 'Nam."

We both needed cheering up. "It will get better when we get to our homes," I said.

Close to tears, he replied, "It will never get better."

Now back home, California seemed like 10 years past and a million miles away. I wanted to believe that because this was Smalltown U.S.A., attitudes would be different. After all, boys had always gone to war from here and come back as men and heroes; Vietnam vets wouldn't be treated any different. At the corner of Eighth and Erie, I heard someone call out, "George! You're back."

The young man approaching me was unfamiliar. Then I recognized the voice as he asked, "Hey man, you don't recognize your old buddy Bob?" His features were masked by a beard and shoulder-length hair — he didn't resemble the crew-cut Bob I knew in high school. He wore a *Make Love Not War* T-shirt; a peace symbol hung from his neck on a chain.

Chuckling, Bob said, "Back from the war, eh, George? I can dig that. I'm just mellowing out during summer break. Don't want to go back to school in the fall, but it always keeps me out of 'Nam, know what I mean, George? I'd rather party than fight."

With my anger and frustration building, all I could do was mutter, "I can see that," and keep walking.

Bob shouted at my back, "Hey George, welcome home! Get the monkey suit off and we'll party!" To this day, it was the hardest time I ever had restraining myself from committing a Class A felony.

Starting out at college a couple of months later, I encountered many people like Bob. During one class, my professor asked whether anyone had been to a foreign country. When I said I'd been to Vietnam, he and most of the students laughed. He said he was interested in cultural, not combat, experiences.

The next day, I withdrew from the university, not wanting to be in that type of intellectual environment. It would take me until 1988 to receive my degree.

In 1972 I enlisted in the Army, to eventually retire after 20 years' combined service, once again moving home to Wisconsin. Soon after my return, our forces were battling in Desert Storm. Later, not long after the Gulf War ended, I attended a victory celebration and almost fell over when I saw Bob there. Now a well-off businessman, he wore a \$500 suit with a yellow ribbon pinned to his chest.

"Hey Kulas, how you doing? Good to see you again," Bob said while approaching me with his arm extended for a handshake.

Keeping my hands to myself, I asked, "What are you doing here?" Smiling broadly, Bob boasted of how his son fought in Desert Storm, saying how proud he was of him and of all the troops who served there. Pulling out a wallet, he said, "Kulas, he's still in Saudi. Let me show you his picture. He's a sharp-looking Marine."

Looking at his son's picture, I said, "Bob, he does look good. We are all proud of our troops." Looking Bob up and down, I added, "But you're a walking definition of a hypocrite dressed in a monkey suit."

As Bob glared at me in shock and disbelief, I bellowed, "*Semper Fi!*" Walking away with my head tall, I told myself, *It is getting better.* ✕

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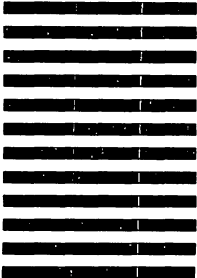




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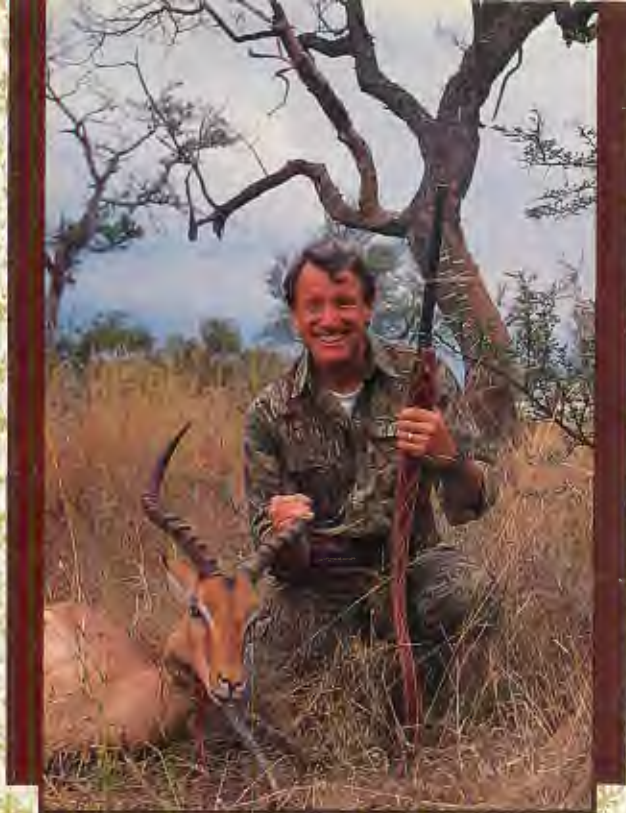


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